

# ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 5, 2023

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FATHER THEO TRUJILLO, PASTOR



*National  
Vocation  
Awareness  
Week*



God our Father,  
we thank you for calling men and women to serve in  
your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and  
consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond  
generously and courageously to your call.  
May our community of faith support vocations of  
sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen.

[usccb.org/vocations](http://usccb.org/vocations)

# SPIRITUAL LIFE

## Reading a Printed Bulletin?

Visit our bulletin web page at [www.smmcc.org/bulletin](http://www.smmcc.org/bulletin) for live links or scan the QR codes.



## Mass Readings/Lecturas

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## Mass Schedule

### Daily Mass

**Monday - Friday**  
8:30 a.m. and noon  
Tuesday\* 7 p.m. Young Adults

**Saturday**  
8:30 a.m.

### Sunday Mass

Saturday 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.

\* Except the 1st Tuesday of the month

## Other Masses

**Polish:** Last Sunday of the month at 3 p.m.  
**Filipino:** First Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.  
**Portuguese:** Second and Fourth Friday of the month at 7 p.m.



## Livestreamed Mass

8:30 a.m. daily Mass

9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday Mass

Watch on Facebook at [facebook.com/SMMsimpsonville](https://facebook.com/SMMsimpsonville) and on our website at [www.smmcc.org/livestream](http://www.smmcc.org/livestream)

## Childcare During Mass

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

## Reconciliation

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

## Please Pray for...

Joan Galle, Paul Felton, Irene Johnson, Angela Ripandelli, Rick Agron, Leonard Byrne, Coleen McDonald, Philomena Reed, Gina and Dal Maness, Florence Jackson, Vincent Stankay, Brenda McCleary, Mary Radziewicz, Nancy Scala, Gustavo Valdez, Janice Reed, William and Marie Wilson, Ailani Urrego, Alejandro Leyton, Beatriz Rebolledo, Charlotte McGrath, Romeo Madeo, John Kelly, Patricia O'Brien, Beth Snyder, Jennifer Farrell, Olivia Fu, Herm Spitzer, Rosa Schaeuble, Ed Zaik, Lilly Shields, Bryan Aho, Weston Vigil, Tim Rankin, Judy Balk, Kathy Ervin, Kenneth Ortiz, Edna Maldonado, Robert Hoyt, Janice & Edward Reed, Linda Overcon, Elizabeth Cox, David Guzman, Voite Hurst, Connor Idi, Andrea Wiggins, Noraima Hernandez, Jazmin Castillo and all who are sick and suffering in our community.

## Pray the Rosary with Us!

Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. on [Facebook Live](#)

After the daily noon Mass and after the 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass.

For Respect Life on the first Thursday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. and noon Masses.

On the second Wednesday of the month at 9:15 a.m. in PLB room 107 with The Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King.

*All are invited to join us!*

## 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 Linda Mancusi in the Parish Office by email at [lindam@smmcc.org](mailto:lindam@smmcc.org) or call 864-288-4884 x4221.

## 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 Linda Mancusi en la oficina parroquial al correo electrónico [lindam@smmcc.org](mailto:lindam@smmcc.org) o por teléfono al 864-288-4884 x4221.

# SPIRITUAL LIFE



## ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE REGNUM CHRISTI FAMILY INVITE YOU TO A CELEBRATION OF Christ the King

St. Mary Magdalene's vision is shared by Regnum Christi members In that we strive to be beacons of light, to bring others to Christ, to form them into Christ's apostles and unite them into a loving community.

Regnum Christi - The Kingdom of Christ - is a spiritual family whose motto, "Christ Our King, Thy Kingdom Come," expresses our deep desire to live and bear witness to and proclaim the Kingdom of Christ.

Join us in celebrating our King on Saturday, November 18, 2023 for 5 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Stephen Dyas, RC followed by a meal in the Parish Life Building and testimonials by RC members.

Cost \$10 adult and \$5 children  
Vegetarian and gluten-free options available.



## En el Evangelio de hoy

"El que se enaltece será humillado, y el que se humilla será enaltecido" (Mateo 23,12). De ahí viene el consejo de Jesús de no imitar a los maestros de la ley, quienes solían poner cargas muy pesadas a la gente y ellos no hacían nada por llevarlas a cabo. Cuando se emprende algún proyecto, ya sea en familia o comunidad, se supone que el líder debe de poner el ejemplo al realizar las tareas, sean grandes o pequeñas. Se trata de servir siempre con alegría y buen ejemplo: "El más grande entre ustedes se hará el servidor de todos" (Mateo 23,11). Sin buscar honores ni complacencias con nosotros mismos. ¿Qué te parece? Serás capaz de ser humilde y servir a los que te rodean con ese amor que Jesús nos muestra en el Evangelio de hoy.

"Nosotros, discípulos de Jesús, no debemos busca títulos de honor, de autoridad o de supremacía. Yo les digo que a mí personalmente me duele ver a personas que psicológicamente viven corriendo detrás de la vanidad y condecoraciones. Nosotros, discípulos de Jesús, no debemos hace esto, ya que entre nosotros debe haber una actitud sencilla y fraterna" (Papa Francisco 11-05-2017). Gracias, Papa Francisco, por ubicarnos en lo que es verdaderamente importante. Gracias, por prevenirnos ante la tentación de la vanagloria y de los primeros lugares. Aunque no es malo que nos den las gracias por lo que hacemos, el sentido es que seamos humildes y agradecidos.

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## Adoration Chapel

Please consider taking a weekly hour  
to be with Jesus.  
It will be the best hour of your week.

If you cannot commit to the same hour each week, consider becoming a substitute.

Click/scan the QR code to sign up for a weekly hour.

Visitors will need an access card to enter the chapel. If you do not have one, please come to the parish office.

Contact [adoration@smmcc.org](mailto:adoration@smmcc.org) if you



## Nocturnal Adoration

Join us on the 3rd Saturday of every month for Nocturnal Adoration, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. in the church parent's room.

18 de noviembre | 16 de diciembre

## Adoración nocturna

Acompáñanos cada tercer sábado del mes a la vigilia de Adoración Nocturna de 9 p.m. a 6 a.m. en el salón de niños en la iglesia.

November 18 | December 16

For more information | Para más información:  
Paula Juárez (864) 906-5793.

# SPIRITUAL LIFE - SACRAMENTS - FORMATION



Inviting all persons to experience the fullness of Christ in the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Catholic faith. Fulfilling the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations."

The Veritas Catholic Information Center is pleased to present:

## Fr. John Riccardo

Fr. John Riccardo, a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit, will speak about the power of the Gospel to transform *people's* lives.

He is the founder & Executive Director for ActsXXIX which equips ordained & lay leaders for apostolic mission. And he is an author & frequently heard on EWIN & other media outlets. Fr. John is a graduate of the University of Michigan, the Gregorian University, and the Pope John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family.

November 8, 2023, 7:00 PM  
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
Fellowship Hall  
2252 Woodruff Road  
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<http://evite.me/pVk7m8zCfj>

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## Engage Encounter 2024 Schedule

Registration for the 2024 Engaged Encounter Weekends is now open. All of the weekends are at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. The cost is \$160 per couple. Couples are responsible for their own lodging. The dates are February 17-18, April 27-28, August 17-18 and November 16-17. You do not need to be a member of the parish to attend.

Register at [southcarolina.engagedencounter.com](http://southcarolina.engagedencounter.com)

For additional information, contact Bob and Mary Reimer at [southcarolinaregistration@engagedencounter.com](mailto:southcarolinaregistration@engagedencounter.com) or call 864-420-2633.



Ladies, join us for our next study, **Scripture and the Rosary: Joyful Mysteries**, by Turning to God's Word Scripture Study.

This 5-session study starts on November 7 and November 9. It and runs until December 12. (No class on Thanksgiving week).

**We meet in the Parish Life Building**  
**Tuesdays sessions are at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday sessions are at 7 p.m.**

Childcare if offered on Tuesday mornings.

The cost is \$2 for the photocopied lesson. You could also download it for free and print it yourself.

To download, visit:

[https://issuu.com/turningtogodsword/docs/issuu\\_rosary\\_07-11\\_082021](https://issuu.com/turningtogodsword/docs/issuu_rosary_07-11_082021)

Please contact [womensbiblestudy@smmc.org](mailto:womensbiblestudy@smmc.org) if you have any questions.

## 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](mailto:mairaa@smmcc.org) at least six months prior to the wedding date.

## Matrimonios

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

# FORMATION

The Youth of the Parish are Invited to  
Join One of Our Youth Ministry Groups.  
We Meet ...



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



Middle School  
EDGE meets  
Fridays at 7 p.m.



5th Grade Students  
Journey meets on the  
1st and 3rd Friday of the  
month at 7 p.m.



Programa en español  
Jóvenes sin Fronteras  
se reúnen los viernes  
a las 7 p.m.

## 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, in the parent's room on the tabernacle side.

Sign up to receive communications from us at [smmcc.flocknote.com/YoungAdults](http://smmcc.flocknote.com/YoungAdults) or contact us at [youngadult@smmcc.org](mailto:youngadult@smmcc.org). Follow us on Instagram at [smmccyoungadult](https://www.instagram.com/smmccyoungadult).

## 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.

Just bring your Bible, catechism and a desire to learn and discuss the Word of God.

No registration is necessary.

Have questions? Email [mensbiblestudy@smmcc.org](mailto:mensbiblestudy@smmcc.org).



If you would like to learn more about Youth Ministry, please contact [joem@smmcc.org](mailto:joem@smmcc.org) or visit our web page at [www.smmcc.org/youth-ministry](http://www.smmcc.org/youth-ministry).

## BOOK OF THE WEEK



ST. MARY MAGDALENE LIBRARY  
LOCATED IN THE PARISH LIFE BUILDING

The week's recommended title is "An Exorcist Tells His Story" by Fr. Gabriele Amorth.

In this book Fr. Amorth shares his many real life experiences working as an exorcist for the Diocese of Rome. It is a good reminder for us that spiritual warfare is real. St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!

Find this title in the church library or request it online at [stmarymagdalene.library.site](http://stmarymagdalene.library.site)

Contact us at [library@smmcc.org](mailto:library@smmcc.org)

# MINISTRIES IN ACTION

## We Can Make a Difference



The St. Mary Magdalene Giving Tree will be in the Narthex through November 12.

Please consider taking an ornament to share your joy and gifts during the blessed Christmas season. We serve families from our Parish, the Upstate Catholic community, and other local organizations.

To view virtual gift options, visit [smmcc.org/giving-tree](http://smmcc.org/giving-tree) and click on "Take an Ornament."

Please return gifts to church between November 18-26. Volunteers will be collecting gifts before all weekend Masses during that time.

For volunteer opportunities, please visit [smmcc.org/giving-tree-get-involved](http://smmcc.org/giving-tree-get-involved).

For questions, please email [givingtree@smmcc.org](mailto:givingtree@smmcc.org).

## St. Vincent de Paul

The food pantry is open on Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Brown Road House.

Food or financial assistance is available to Greenville County residents and all registered St. Mary Magdalene parishioners.



To schedule an appointment for financial assistance, call 864-537-4268 for English or 864-537-4274 for Spanish.

## San Vicente de Paúl

La despensa de alimentos está abierta los lunes de 9:30 a 11:30 a.m. en la casa ubicada en Brown Road.

Brindamos ayuda alimentaria y/o financiera para residentes del condado de Greenville y para feligreses registrados en Santa María Magdalena.

Para pedir una cita para ayuda financiera, llame al 864-537-4274 en español o 864-537-4268 en inglés.

## 11th Annual Veteran's Gala



*St. Mary Magdalene Military Support Ministry  
Welcomes One and All  
11th Annual Veterans Gala*

**Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 6 p.m.  
Parish Life Building**

6 - 7 p.m. Cocktail Hour  
7 p.m. Prelude - Welcome - Program Announcement

Military Veterans, Veterans' Widows/Widowers, and Active Duty Military are free.

Tickets are \$30 each. No tickets will be sold at the door.  
For tickets call (864) 245-4320

### Veterans Recognition

Salute to all Service Men and Women who have served or on Active Duty.



## Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving their monthly Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 12, after all morning Masses.



Come over and enjoy homemade pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, coffee and orange juice.

The cost is \$8/person, \$4/children 12 and under, \$25 family maximum.

Proceeds are donated to seminarians and Catholic Charities.

## TOYS FOR TOTS Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting new toy donations at the November Pancake Breakfast in support of The Marine Toys For Tots program.

All parishioners can participate in this worthy cause, by bringing new, unwrapped toys to any of the morning Masses on Sunday, November 12, and placing them in the Toys for Tots donation boxes. All toys are distributed locally. Please support our efforts to bring the joy of Christmas to less fortunate kids in the Upstate.

# MINISTRIES IN ACTION

**CARRERA ANTORCHA  
GUADALUPANA**  
**MEXICO - NEW YORK 2023**  
**MENSAJEROS por la DIGNIDAD  
de un PUEBLO dividido  
por la FRONTERA**

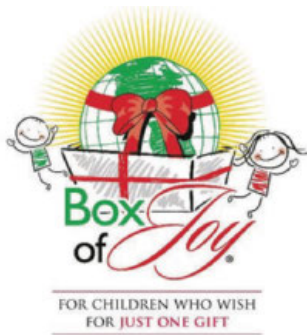
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El Ministerio Guadalupano los invita a la celebración de la Antorcha Guadalupana.

Este domingo 5 de noviembre - Misa a las 7:30 p.m.

Para más información, comunicarse con: Juana Alonso 864-398-6637 o Nancy Bao 347-459-5832.

## Bringing Joy



**Box of Joy** is a Christmas program that allows children in developing countries the experience and joy of Christmas. The gift alone is not just the blessing, but the message of hope and love that a family or individual in the United States cares for them.

Help our Christian Formation program reach a goal of 1,000 boxes to be delivered to children all over the world as part of our global service project.

For more info go to <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/resources/> for gift ideas.

Boxes can be picked up in the Office of Christian Formation. Filled boxes should be returned no later than November 12.

For additional info contact [cindyr@smmcc.org](mailto:cindyr@smmcc.org)

## Respect Life Ministry

The St. Mary Magdalene Respect Life Ministry will be holding its monthly meeting on November 15 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Building, room 118.

We invite all to join us as we discuss plans to raise awareness on pro-life issues such as helping babies with Safe Haven laws and baby boxes, Walking with Moms in Need, human trafficking, Armenian Genocide and other efforts to respect the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death.

For questions, please email [respectlife@smmcc.org](mailto:respectlife@smmcc.org).



The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is low on canned goods, especially canned vegetables, beans, tuna and chicken.

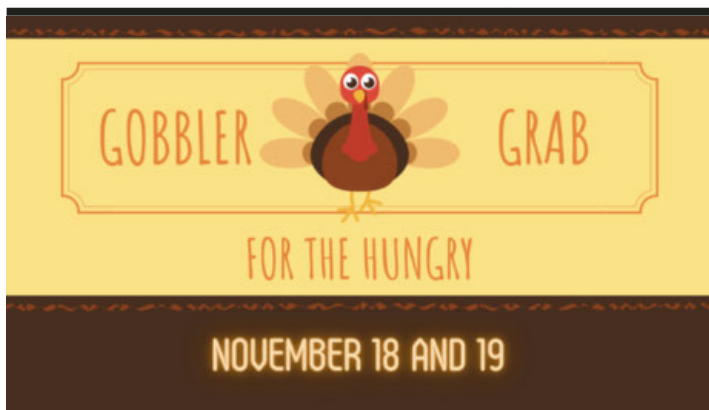
Thank you for your continued support!

## Get Involved!

Whether you want to share your time in prayer or formation, or share your God-given talents with your parish, we have a ministry for you!

Visit our [ministry locator page](#).

# MINISTRIES IN ACTION - PARISH LIFE



## Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

The Scouts BSA Annual Gobbler Grab has been collecting turkeys to feed the less fortunate in our community for over 25 years. **The parish Scouting Organizations will be collecting frozen turkeys before every Mass on Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19.**

All the turkeys will be donated to Divine Mercy Scholars, St. Vincent de Paul, and Loaves and Fishes. Any monetary donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul.

In Greenville County, 60,000 people don't know where one of their meals today will come from. St. Mary Magdalene parishioners have been very generous in the past and we hope to count on your support again!

## Colecta de pavos para el Día de Acción de Gracias

Por 25 años, los Scouts BSA han estado recolectando pavos para alimentar a aquellos de pocos recurso en nuestra comunidad.

Los grupos de Scouts de la parroquia estarán recolectando pavos congelados antes de cada el sábado y domingo 18 y 19 de noviembre.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo.



ADVENT CANDLES  
 ROSARIES  
 MEDALS  
 HOLY CARDS  
 SMALL GIFTS  
 BOOKS  
 PLAQUES  
 POSTERS  
 ORNAMENTS  
 JEWELRY  
 AND MORE

In the Parish Center after all Masses this Weekend.



### Parish Bookkeeper - Part-Time

The Parish Bookkeeper is responsible for the bookkeeping activities for St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. This person will report directly to the Director of Business Administration and will provide hands-on support for all accounting activities using QuickBooks, ADP Payroll, Parish Database and OSV Online Giving systems.

To apply, email your resume to [office@smmcc.org](mailto:office@smmcc.org).

### Facilities Maintenance Technician - Full-Time

The Facilities Maintenance Technician serves in a way that is consistent with St. Mary Magdalene's mission and Christian values. This individual cleans and handles basic repairs for all areas of the church campus, follows a planned maintenance schedule, set-up and take down temporary furniture and equipment required for group events and meetings. This person must be observant, respectful, motivated, and committed to providing church members, visitors, and staff with a clean, orderly place to worship and congregate.

To apply, email your resume to [Jobs@smmcc.org](mailto:Jobs@smmcc.org).

VISIT [WWW.SMMCC.ORG/INFO](http://WWW.SMMCC.ORG/INFO) FOR JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

No phone calls, please.



If you are considering the St. Mary Magdalene Columbarium Garden as your final resting place, please schedule an appointment with our columbarium representative who can help you with this process and answer any questions you may have.

Email [columbarium@smmcc.org](mailto:columbarium@smmcc.org), call (864) 537-4232 or visit our web page at [www.smmcc.org/columbarium](http://www.smmcc.org/columbarium).





# 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](http://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](mailto:bsnyder@smmcc.org).

## Offertory for Fiscal Year

July 2023 - June 2024  
as of October 29, 2023

Mass attendance for October 28/29: 4,763

	Actual	Budget	Actual/ Budget
Current Week Sunday	\$60,173	\$73,906	81%
Year-to-Date Sunday	\$1,237,205	\$1,330,314	93%
Year-to-Date Christmas	\$145	\$0	—
Year-to-Date Holy Days	\$8,645	\$10,833	80%
Year-to-Date Total	\$1,245,995	\$1,341,147	93%



**Debt to Pay Down:** \$ 900,000  
**Collected to Date:** \$ 112,997  
**Remaining Debit:** \$ 787,003  
**Progress** 12.6%      **Remaining** 87.4%

Contributions may be made via the special debt reduction envelope available in the Narthex and in your envelope packet, online on the parish website or by scanning the QR code.



*We are thankful for the gifts  
and for the givers!*

## Pastoral Staff

### PASTOR

Fr. Theo Trujillo

### PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Robert Falabella

### PAROCHIAL VICARS

Fr. Ray Nacino

Fr. Stephen Dyas, RC

### DEACONS

Dcn. Bert Chavez    Dcn. Joe Ciavardini

Dcn. Roger Schonewald

## Parish Offices

Our Regular Office Hours  
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

You can reach us by phone and by email. Please visit our Parish staff directory at [www.smmcc.org/staff](http://www.smmcc.org/staff).

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.

## We Are a Tithing Parish

Catholic Charities in Hawaii-Maui Relief

*Thanks to your generosity ...*

we're giving back to the community.

The Outreach Tithing Committee researches and helps worthy charities and assists those affected by natural disasters. This includes a \$1,500 donation to Catholic Charities in Hawaii-Maui Relief. This is to aid in the recovery efforts from the recent devastating Maui wildfires, including housing and financial assistance to affected families.

If you would like us to consider a charity, you can email us at [outreachtithe@smmcc.org](mailto:outreachtithe@smmcc.org).

## Contact Information

Has your contact information changed?

Please contact Beth at [bsnyder@smmcc.org](mailto:bsnyder@smmcc.org) if you have a new address, phone number or email address.

## Cambio en datos

¿Ha habido algún cambio en sus datos?

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Beth al correo electrónico [bsnyder@smmcc.org](mailto:bsnyder@smmcc.org) si usted tiene una nueva dirección, número de teléfono o correo electrónico.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## Marriage Encounter

Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on November 10-12, 2023 or January 26-28, 2024, both in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or 803-810-9602.

## Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Este es un fin de semana designado para darle a las parejas casadas la oportunidad de examinar sus vidas, comunicarse mejor, renovar su amor y fortalecer su relación de esposos.

El próximo Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es del 10 al 12 de noviembre de 2023 en el Beach Cove Resort en el norte de Myrtle Beach, SC. Llene la aplicación aquí: <https://luchaportumatrimonio.org/applyWeekend.php?hl=es>

Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web: <https://wwme.org/?lang=es>, póngase en contacto con nosotros al correo electrónico [aplicaciones@luchaportumatrimonio.org](mailto:aplicaciones@luchaportumatrimonio.org) o llame al 301-710-5554.



*"The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul."*  
Ps 19:8

**WHO WE ARE**

Founded in 2013, the South Carolina Catholic Conference is committed to representing Church teaching and the Catholic faithful around the state. We serve as the public policy voice of the bishop and advocate for laws that advance the common good for the citizens of the Palmetto State.

**Our advocacy areas:**

- life & bioethics
- family
- education
- poor & vulnerable
- immigration

**Scan QR to learn more!**



**COMING UP IN 2024**

- Adoption reform
- Paid family leave
- Repeal Blaine Amendment
- Protection for children & gender surgery ban
- School choice
- Workforce development
- Predatory lending

## Grieving Parents Retreat



The Diocese of Charleston, Office of Family Life, sponsors a one-day Spiritual Retreat for parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, by any cause.

Losing a child under any circumstances is horrendous. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Just as He comforted His grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus comforts us and we comfort each other in this very special ministry.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents  
at The Oratory in Rock Hill, SC  
ONE-DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT  
November 18, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m.  
All Are Welcome!

Donation: \$20 Individuals; \$35 Couples - Scholarships are available. Preregistration is required.

For more information, contact Christy Brown at [cbrown@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:cbrown@charlestondiocese.org) or call 803 554 6088. To register, complete the Registration Form at [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org).

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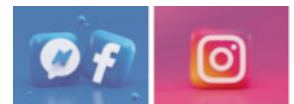
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