

We will continue our First Friday Devotion in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **Friday, May 1st**. At the end of Mass that morning, there will be one hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Fr. Javier will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during that time. To complete the First Friday's Devotion, you must receive Holy Communion on each First Friday; the nine Fridays must be consecutive; and they must be made in honor and reparation to His Sacred Heart.

Continuaremos nuestra Devoción del Primer Viernes en honor al Santísimo Corazón de Jesús, **el viernes 1 de mayo**. Al final de la Misa de esa mañana, habrá una hora de Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y el P. Javier estará disponible para el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante ese tiempo. Para completar la Devoción del Primer Viernes, debe recibir la Sagrada Comunión cada Primer Viernes; los nueve viernes deben ser consecutivos; y deben hacerse en honor y en reparación a Su Sagrado Corazón.



**HOPE in Lancaster** pantry needs: grits, assorted canned vegetables, instant potatoes, canned fruit, instant pudding, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, peanut butter, and beef stew. Please, no family sizes or glass jars allowed. Contact 803-286-4673 or <https://hopeinlancaster.org> for information. If you are looking for a meaningful way to serve and make a difference in our community, HOPE needs you. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Tim Howard, at 803-577-5466 or [thoward@hopeinlancaster.org](mailto:thoward@hopeinlancaster.org) or visit [HOPEinlancaster.org](https://www.volgistics.com/appform/1318157734). The Volunteer Application Link is <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/1318157734>. Thank you.

La despensa **HOPE en Lancaster** necesita: sémola sémola de maíz, verduras enlatadas variadas, papas instantáneas, frutas enlatadas, pudín instantáneo, macarrones con queso, pasta, salsa para pasta, mermelada, mantequilla de maní y estofado de carne. Por favor, no se permiten tamaños familiares ni frascos de vidrio. Comuníquese al 803-286-4673 o <https://hopeinlancaster.org> para obtener información.



**Lancaster Area Coalition for the Homeless (LACH)** Warming Center will need the following items: paper products (towels, napkins, plates, toilet paper), plastic spoons and forks, first-aid kit/items, laundry

detergent, fabric softener, ziploc storage bags (all sizes), garbage bags, 10 and 18 gallon storage tubs, toilet plunger, toilet cleaner, multipurpose cleaner, mop, broom/dustpan, lantex gloves, individually packaged foods (nutrion bars, fruit cups, cookies, chips, nuts, etc.), and bottled water. LACH continues to need travel-size hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, wipes, tissues, combs, washcloths, mouthwash, etc. Please bring all donated items to the parish office during normal hours. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteers are needed, contact Emily Price, LACH Volunteer Coordinator at 803-659-5801 or [lachhouse@uwaylsc.org](mailto:lachhouse@uwaylsc.org).

**El Centro de Calentamiento de la Coalición para las Personas sin Hogar del Área de Lancaster (LACH)** necesitará los siguientes artículos: productos de papel (toallas, servilletas, platos, papel higiénico), cucharas y tenedores de plástico, botiquín de primeros auxilios, detergente para ropa, suavizante de telas, bolsas ziploc (todos los tamaños), bolsas de basura, recipientes de 10 y 18 galones, destapador de inodoros, limpiador de inodoros, limpiador multiusos, trapeador, escoba/recogedor, guantes Lantex, alimentos envasados individualmente (barras nutritivas, vasos de fruta, galletas, papas fritas, nueces, etc.) y agua embotellada. LACH continúa necesitando artículos de higiene personal en tamaño de viaje como jabón, champú, pasta de dientes, toallitas húmedas, pañuelos desechables, peines, toallitas, enjuague bucal, etc. Por favor, traiga todos los artículos donados a la oficina parroquial durante el horario habitual. Gracias por su generosidad. Se necesitan voluntarios. Comuníquese con Emily Price, Coordinadora de Voluntarios de LACH, al 803-659-5801 o a [lachhouse@uwaylsc.org](mailto:lachhouse@uwaylsc.org), en inglés.

The church is not available for private devotion Fridays from 4:30-6:30 pm for cleaning and maintenance.

La iglesia no estará disponible para devociones privadas los viernes de 4:30-6:30 pm debido a limpieza y mantenimiento.



**Los Blessed Beginnings (benditos comienzos) necesita donaciones de toallitas húmedas y pañales para bebé en tallas 3, 4 y 5, así como ropa para niño desde recién nacido hasta los 18 meses.**

Las familias que necesiten pañales y toallitas húmedas, o tengan una solicitud específica de ropa o artículos para bebé, por favor contacten a Liane por correo electrónico:

[lianebloeser@gmail.com](mailto:lianebloeser@gmail.com) (solo inglés), o a Andrea en la oficina parroquial. Haremos todo lo posible por atender las solicitudes según la disponibilidad de donaciones. *Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra comunidad parroquial.*

**The Blessed Beginnings needs donations of baby wipes and baby diapers in sizes 3, 4, and 5, as well as boy clothes from newborn to 18 months.**

Families in need of baby diapers and baby wipes, or a specific request for baby clothing or baby gear, please contact Liane via email: [lianebloeser@gmail.com](mailto:lianebloeser@gmail.com), or Andrea in the parish office. We will do our best to fulfill requests based on what we have available through donations. *Thank you for your continued support of our parish community.*



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**Si no recibió nuestro correo electrónico mensual, se está perdiendo importantes comunicaciones de la iglesia a través del sistema Flocknote.** Visite [stcatherinestmichael.flocknote.com](http://stcatherinestmichael.flocknote.com) para registrarse para recibir comunicaciones por correo electrónico y / o mensajes de texto. **Si después de suscribirse no recibe correos, revise su spam folder. Si ni así los recibe entonces envíe un email a: [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com).**

***Did you know the following Ministries & Groups are active in our parish?***

Please contact the parish office or Fr. Javier to join.

***¿Sabía que los siguientes Ministerios y Grupos están activos en nuestra parroquia?***

Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial o con el P. Javier para unirse.

Altar Linens | Manteles de Altar, Altar Servers | Monaguillos, Baptismal Classes | Clases bautismales, Blessed Beginnings, Consagración a María | Consecration to Mary, Coros, Emaús (hombres y mujeres), Faith Formation Program | Programa de Formación de Fe, Finance Council | Consejo de finanzas, Grupo de Oración, Homebound Ministry | Visitas a los enfermos, Juan XXIII, Lectors | Lectores, Limpieza y mantenimiento, Parish Pastoral Council | Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, Prayer Shawl Ministry, OCIA | RICA, Sacristans, Social Needs Ministry | Ministerio de Necesidades Sociales, Ushers | Ujieres, Virtual Prayer Group | Grupo Virtual de Oración, Women's Bible Study.

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
First Baptist Church  
1306 Hampton St. Columbia, SC

**FOSTERING THE FAMILY**

**Stand for children Prayer Walk**

**Join us**  
for our 4th annual Stand for Children Prayer Walk!  
A day we come together as one to pray for the children in the foster care system, their families, and caregivers.

**REGISTER FOR FREE**

**SCAN ME**

Together, we can make a difference.

RESPECT CARE  
EVERY CHILD MATTERS  
BELIEVE REACH  
PRAY CARE  
STAND UP FOR CHILDREN  
NO EXCUSE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
PROTECT SHARE

**WALK TO MARY**  
United in Step from Shrine to Shrine

The Diocese of Charleston is participating in the **National Pilgrimage, Walk to Mary**, by having a rosary procession at St. Philip Neri, 292 Munn Rd. E, Fort Mill, SC on **May 2nd, at 3 pm**. Come pray with us. For more information: [familylife@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:familylife@charlestdiocese.org).

**Rosary Procession**  
St. Philip Neri  
May 2, 2026  
3:00pm

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[KSCHMUGGE@CHARLESTONDIocese.ORG](mailto:KSCHMUGGE@CHARLESTONDIocese.ORG)  
[FAMILYLIFE@CHARLESTONDIocese.ORG](mailto:FAMILYLIFE@CHARLESTONDIocese.ORG)

COME PRAY WITH US!

**HEART RIDGE SUMMER Family CAMP**

AVAILABLE WEEKS: June 28- July 3  
July 12 - July 17  
July 19 - July 24

**THE BEST (AND EASIEST ON MOM) VACATION**

in the Carolina Mountains

**for Catholic families**

Want a Family Summer Vacation that Everyone Will Love? Come to the mountains of South Carolina to Heart Ridge Retreat Center for a week of Catholic Summer Family Camp. Join other Catholic Families as we spend time together exploring nature, playing games, getting to know each other better, growing in our faith, and just relaxing. This all-inclusive, economically-priced camp includes all meals, comfortable accommodations with your own family including hot showers and AC, and all activities with the perfect amount of free time. Mass and confession are offered. Parents and Kids both love it—and by kids we mean ALL KIDS—babies to late teens. Read more: [www.heartridgeministries.com/summer-family-camp.html](http://www.heartridgeministries.com/summer-family-camp.html).

**worldwide marriage encounter**

No matter how long you have been married, you can still have romance in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the tools to keep your marriage alive and vibrant. Join us and see how your relationship can grow. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on May 29-31, 2026 in Hickory, NC**. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or 803-810-9602.

**ORACIÓN POR LA PAZ POR EL SANTO PADRE LEÓN XIV**  
**Basílica de San Pedro, Sábado, 11 de abril de 2026**

Queridos hermanos, ¡la paz esté con todos ustedes! Es la paz de Cristo resucitado, fruto de su sacrificio de amor en la cruz. Por eso a Él dirigimos nuestra súplica:

Señor Jesús, tú venciste a la muerte sin armas ni violencia: disolviste su poder con la fuerza de la paz. Concédenos tu paz, como a las mujeres asombradas en la mañana de Pascua, como a los discípulos escondidos y asustados. Envía tu Espíritu, aliento que da vida, que reconcilia, que convierte en hermanos y hermanas a los adversarios y enemigos. Inspíranos la confianza de María, tu madre, que con el corazón desgarrado estaba al pie de tu cruz, firme en la fe de que resucitarías. Que la locura de la guerra llegue a su fin y que la tierra sea cuidada y cultivada por quienes todavía saben engendrar, saben custodiar y saben amar la vida. ¡Escúchanos, Señor de la vida!

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/es/homilies/2026/documents/20260411-rosario-pace.html>

**PRAYER FOR PEACE BY POPE LEO XIV**  
**Saint Peter's Basilica, Saturday, 11 April 2026**

Dear friends, peace be with you all! It is the peace of the Risen Christ, the fruit of his sacrifice of love on the cross. For this reason, we raise our prayer to him:

Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence: you shattered its power with the strength of peace. Grant us your peace, as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning, as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear. Send forth your Spirit, the breath that gives life and reconciles, that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters. Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother, who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart, firm in the faith that you would rise again. May the madness of war cease and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect and love life. Hear us, Lord of life!

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**Children of Mary Religion Camp**

The **Children of Mary Religion Camp** is a week-long summer camp that helps children deepen their Catholic faith. Children who have completed grades 1-6 are eligible to attend. Tuition is \$225 per child. Camp will be held **July 20th-24th** at Kings Mountain State Park in Blacksburg, SC. We are also seeking volunteer counselors (age 16 and older). For information on being a camper or counselor, explore our web site at [www.ChildrenofMaryCamp.com](http://www.ChildrenofMaryCamp.com) or contact us directly at [childrenofmarycamp@gmail.com](mailto:childrenofmarycamp@gmail.com). This is our 56th year of serving the Diocese of Charleston!

**HelpOurMarriage.org**  
**RETRouvaille**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**Retrouvaille** Marriage Help offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For information about the next program on **May 1-3, 2026** in Hickory, NC, contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: [3062ac@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3062ac@helpourmarriage.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

**APRIL 2026**

**NFP INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS**

<b>April 1 (Thu) 8:00PM SymptoPro</b> Virtual - <a href="http://emmamma.com/intro">emmamma.com/intro</a>	<b>April 13 (Mon) 6:00PM Creighton</b> Virtual - <a href="mailto:monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com">monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com</a>
<b>April 4 (Sat) 10:15AM Creighton</b> Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Greenville, SC RSVP to <a href="mailto:scnaprnfpegmail.com">scnaprnfpegmail.com</a>	<b>April 15 (Wed) 6:30PM Creighton</b> Virtual - <a href="mailto:janellenapro@gmail.com">janellenapro@gmail.com</a>
<b>April 9 (Thu) 7:00PM Creighton</b> Virtual - <a href="mailto:lexiesawonike@gmail.com">lexiesawonike@gmail.com</a>	<b>April 15 (Wed) 6:00PM Creighton</b> St. Joseph Catholic Church, Columbia, SC RSVP to <a href="mailto:naprogale@gmail.com">naprogale@gmail.com</a>
<b>April 9 (Thu) 6:00PM Creighton</b> Our Lady of the Lake Church, Chapin, SC RSVP to <a href="mailto:courtney.nfp@gmail.com">courtney.nfp@gmail.com</a>	<b>April 20 (Mon) 6:00PM Creighton</b> St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Simpsonville, SC RSVP to <a href="mailto:advocateern.killoughe@gmail.com">advocateern.killoughe@gmail.com</a>
<b>April 9 (Thu) 6:30PM Creighton</b> St. Francis Eastside, Greenville, SC RSVP to <a href="mailto:NaProNurse@aol.com">NaProNurse@aol.com</a>	<b>April 20 (Mon) 6:00PM Creighton (SPANISH)</b> Virtual - <a href="mailto:monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com">monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com</a>

**Marquette Method Natural Family Planning International Couple to Couple League Billings Ovulation Method (Spanish)**

Available upon request  
Contact [jflorendo@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jflorendo@charlestdiocese.org) for inquiry.