



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

12 May 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus returned to the glory of his Father forty days after his Resurrection, and for that reason, the Church traditionally celebrates the Ascension on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter - forty days after Easter Sunday. In recent years, however, the liturgical commemoration of the Ascension has been transferred in many places from the proper Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and that is why we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ today.

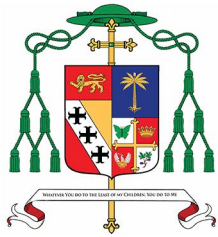
This mystery of faith does not mean that the Lord was merely taken from our sight to continue in space and time as we know them while simply being in another place; rather, Christ the Lord in his Ascension transcended the created universe altogether, including the created realities of time and space. But in transcending the created universe, the Lord Jesus did not abandon his Church or leave us comfortless.

Even as Christ gave us the Great Commission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and celebrate the sacraments for the salvation of souls, he also promised to send the Holy Spirit of truth to be our teacher, guide, and consoler, and the coming of the Spirit was accomplished and manifested 50 days after Christ's Resurrection, a mystery which we will celebrate next week on the great Solemnity of Pentecost. Christ's Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are the very conditions for the possibility of this time of the Church in which we are called to share in the sublime work of bringing the whole human race to know, love and serve the living God, and the Savior remains with us in Word and Sacrament to sustain us in that mission.

In describing the final moments of the Lord Jesus with the Apostles, Saint Matthew candidly admits that even forty days after the Resurrection, confusion remains: "And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted." These doubts, however, were resolved by the solemn revelation of the divine nature and glory of the Son of Man: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." And twenty centuries later we are still laboring to fulfill the Great Commission, which begins with comprehending the majesty of this sacred mystery of faith. In the Roman Missal, the first Preface of the Ascension speaks to us of the sacred mystery of Christ's Ascension in these words:

"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."

Father Newman



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May 6, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each May, we celebrate the life of mothers and the strength, love and joy they bring to families. Mothers give everything to protect and care for their children, just as the mother of Jesus did. Women give life, show caring and love, and want what is best for their children, often with great sacrifice of their own comforts or desires.

Yet, there are mothers among us who lack support to care for their children fully. Thankfully, Catholic Charities of South Carolina (CCSC) walks with these mothers. By helping women meet immediate needs and teaching life skills, CCSC ensures that moms have the tools and stability to care for their children and to keep families together.

Claire, a mother referred to us by the Dept. of Social Services, faced hardship when her electricity was shut off while caring for her newborn and 3-year-old. She'd lost her job for missing work due to her children's illnesses, so she drove for Uber part-time and stayed with her mother. Claire secured a new job, but her electricity remained off and prevented the little family from returning home. With assistance from CCSC, Claire's electric bill was brought up to date, allowing her to move back with her children and regain stability.

The critical mission of CCSC is to uplift mothers as they work to transform their own lives and the lives of their children. This organization helps honor all moms in our communities and is dedicated to helping families throughout the Palmetto State with many services and outreach centers.

With this crucial resource in mind, we are taking up a second collection for outreach on Mother's Day, May 12. Please consider supporting CCSC and families by donating \$25, \$100 or \$1,000 or any amount that you can offer. It will truly transform lives.

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 12 May

Mother's Day

7.30 am	* Irene DeLoach
9.00 am	* Patricia Smialek
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 13 May

7.00 am	* Caleb Hulsey
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Tuesday 14 May

7.00 am	* Herb McGroarty
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Wednesday 15 May

7.00 am	* Lawrence Joseph Early Jr
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Thursday 16 May

7.00 am	Timothy Nielsen
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Friday 17 May

7.00 am	Agnes Robertson & Children
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Saturday 18 May

5.00 pm	Claire Roberts & Family
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 12 May

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday 13 May

6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
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Tuesday 14 May

6.30 pm	KofC Meeting
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Wednesday 15 May

5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
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Thursday 16 May

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 17 May

5.30-6.30 am	Pillars of Christ (early group)
6.30-6.45 am	Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church)
7.30-8.30 am	Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)
10.00 am	Friday Morning Bible Study
7.00 pm	Spanish Rosary

Saturday 18 May

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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G - Gallivan Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
C - Clinkscales
Family Center

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
unless a location is listed

Financial Report

Weekend of 4/5 May

Needed	38,900
Received	40,770
Surplus	1,870

Poor Box	908
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,750,500
Received	1,803,716
Surplus	+ 53,216

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	293,514
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Still to Go	706,486
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 4/5 May

5.00 pm	309
7.30 am	337
9.00 am	473
11.00 am	385
1.00 pm	457

Total	1,961
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Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, Marie-Therese Isidore, Juliet Roy, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, Timothy Potocki, Sloane Perkins, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Betty Jo Brown.

VBS Volunteers Needed



We are still looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School from 10-14 June (Monday - Friday). If interested, sign up at <https://vbspro.events/p/smc-greenville>. Please contact Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@smcgv1.org or 864.679.4110 with questions.

Thank You!



Thank you St Mary's parishioners for your generous support of the food drive for Our Lady's Pantry in April.

You donated 1300 pounds of food and cash donations of \$805. This means so much to the community we serve. We are so grateful for your continued support!

Fraternus at St Mary's

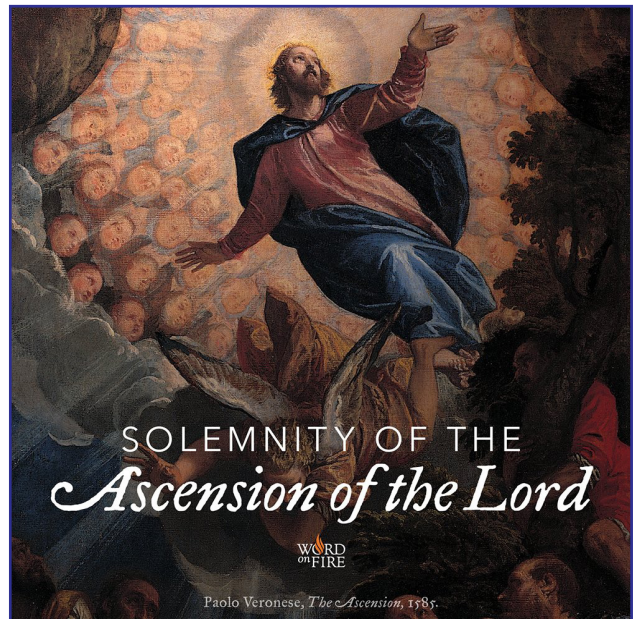
Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men of all ages. All young men ages 12 and up are invited to join our brotherhood at Frat Night weekly meetings on Mondays from 6.30-8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. The evenings include brotherly competition, a shared meal, encouragement in virtue, and compline. Contact smarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 11/12 May

Catholic Charities
Support of the Parish

*St Mary's is sustained by the
generosity of our parishioners.*



Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Joseph Kidwell, Amelia Eginton, Ryan Nicholson, Aniuska Herrera, John & Josefa Kuehnert, Bernard & Claudia Fallon, Emmanuel Cenicerros & Janeth Garcia.

Congratulations to

Corey Fisher & Rachel Coonan who were married last weekend.

Feast of Corpus Christi

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION & PARISH PICNIC

Come rejoice with us for the gift of Christ in the Holy Eucharist through a Eucharistic Procession around the campus of St Mary's and then stay to enjoy our parish community with a fun picnic.

Enjoy grilled hot dogs, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, and drinks all provided by the parish. Bring a side dish (A-L) or a dessert (M-Z) to share. There will be fun games and music. **Please register** at <https://stmaryschurchnews.flocknote.com/signup/165263> to help us plan the food.

Register Today!



Saturday 1 June

following 5.00 pm Holy Mass
at St Mary's Catholic Church

Show Your St Mary's Spirit!

T-shirts are \$10 each available in Adult and Youth sizes

Order your t-shirts by 20 May!

<https://form.jotform.com/241226252920145>

T-shirts will be available for pick up at the Parish Picnic on 1 June (look for the blue balloons) as well as after all Masses on 2 June. A limited number of t-shirts will be available for sale at the Parish Picnic.



St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 124 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 318 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

Teaching Assistants in multiple elementary grade levels

The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@smcgv.org.

There is a certain poetry in singing.

Oft times we sing with voice stentorian,
Or shape a sound phantasmagorian:

But during Mass,
Beneath stained glass,

We'll sing the subtle tunes, Gregorian.

Discover your verse.
Join St Mary's Choir.

Contact the Choirmaster for details arlen.clarke@smcgv.org

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at resulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

Pentecost Novena



After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1.14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This is the origin of the word "novena," traditionally a prayer done over nine days. This year the novena begins on Friday 10 May and runs through

Saturday 18 May. Prayers for each day of the novena can be found online at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>.

Daily Mass Readings

For daily Mass readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.org>

Please pray for our parish
missionary serving with

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www.netusa.org



Elise Devine



NET Team 5



St Mary's Religious Education



Registration for 2024-25 will open in August

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes meet on Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass

For More Information

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@smcgv.org or 864.679.4110

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. **It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings.** All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.

Class begins Wednesday 4 September. Registration will open in July on the parish website.

Please visit <https://smcgv.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> to learn more.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgv.org for more information on becoming a Catholic.

Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage



If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often you

come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- ◆ Parishioner tuition in the school
- ◆ Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as Inactive and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgv1.org.

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. **The next class is Monday 17 June at 6.30 pm.** Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgv1.org to register.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@smcgv1.org.

Church Donation Information

EFT Donation

St Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options:

Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation - make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

St Mary's Catholic Church
111 Hampton Avenue
Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Diocese of Charleston PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

<https://charlestdiocese.org/vocations>

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Sign up at <https://formed.org/signup> using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestondiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs.



Visit our website here! 

Our Lady's Pantry Donations Needed



Catholic Charities' Our Lady's Food Pantry needs food pantry and hygiene items, especially the following items:

- ◆ Grains - cereal, oatmeal, flour, pasta
- ◆ Canned goods - fruit, corn, green beans, diced tomato, tuna
- ◆ Hygiene - toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion

Donated items may be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. If you have any questions or need to arrange for a different drop off time, please contact lisa.woodard@charlestondiocese.org.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"I am with you always, until the end of time."
~Matthew 28:20

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

- Sunday 12am* & 7 am
- Tuesday 4 pm
- Thursday 1 pm
- Friday 12 pm
- Saturday 2 pm* & 8 pm



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

For programming information, visit <https://catholicradioinsec.com>



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TUES 21 MAY

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM • DINNER STARTS AT 6 PM
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Guest speakers: SC Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette
SC Knights of Columbus State Deputy Jeffrey Crouch

Help us support St. Clare's Home in providing a safe & loving home for expectant mothers & children who are in need. There will be dinner & cash bar.

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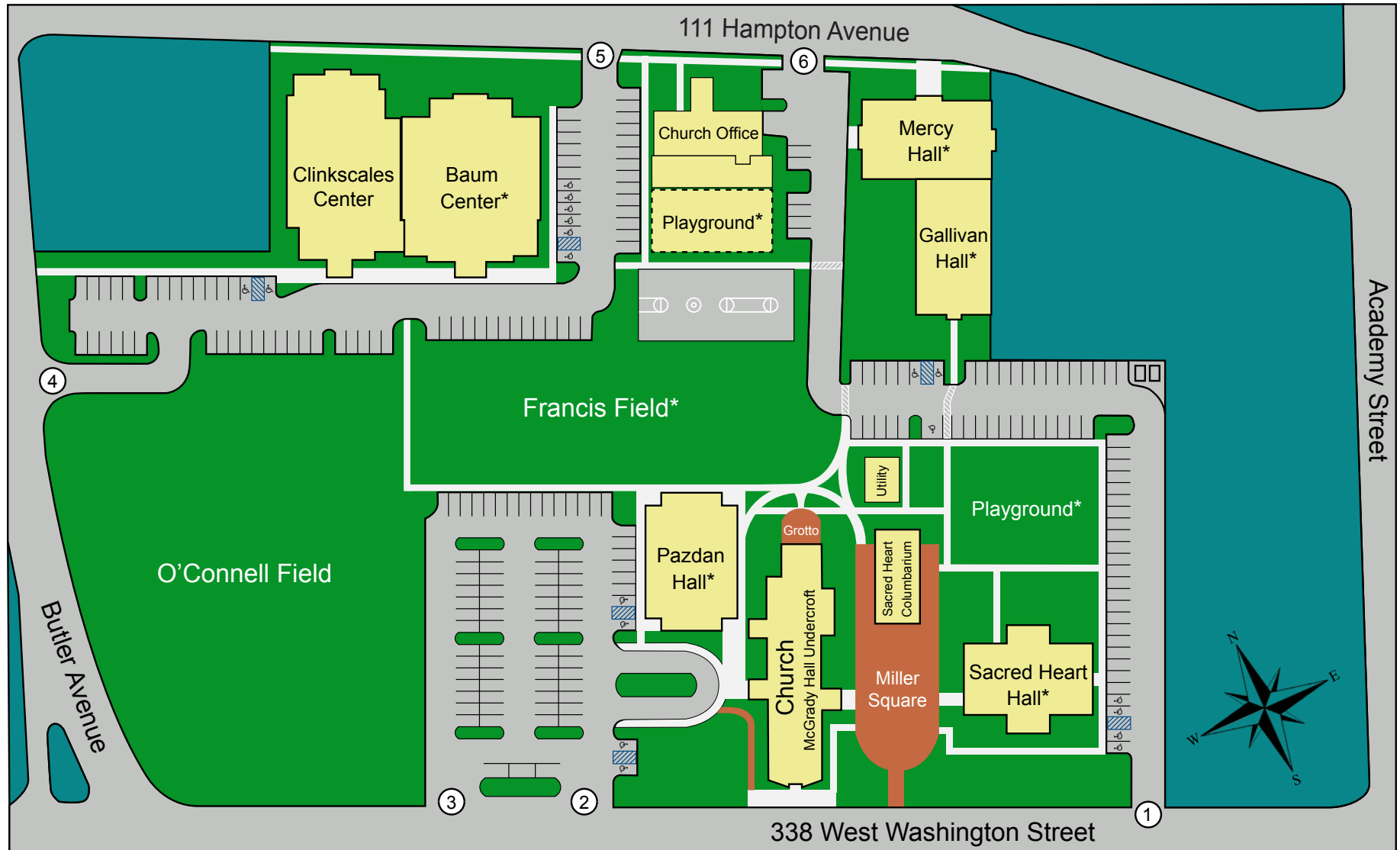
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SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

Saint Mary's Church has nine buildings on nine acres of land, so this map is offered to help you find your way on our campus.

Please note that during the school day, it is not permitted for anyone to walk through the interior section of our campus in order to safeguard the children in our care. So if you are visiting the church during a school day, please park in the Washington Street lot at entrances 2 or 3. And if you are visiting the church office, please park beside the Baum Center at entrance 5 and walk on Hampton Avenue to our front door. On weekends and any day when school is not in session, please park and walk anywhere you like.



*No access during school hours.

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