



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

22 October 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

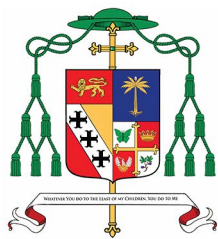
The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, commonly called Confession, is one of the sacred mysteries given by the Lord Jesus to his Church for our sanctification, and the regular reception of this sacrament is an essential part of authentic Christian discipleship. Saint John the Evangelist tells us that Christ gave us this gift of grace on Easter Sunday when he first appeared to the frightened and confused Apostles. "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'" (John 20.19-23)

The administration of the Sacrament of Penance is one dimension of the sacred authority to bind and loose which the Savior entrusted to the Apostles and to their successors, the bishops and priests who serve as instruments of grace for others, and every time we go to Confession, the grace of our Baptism is renewed so that we can follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross and live the life of the new creation. But many people hesitate to go Confession because they are intimidated by the thought of acknowledging their sins or worried about the human respect of the priest or are simply not certain of what they should do and say. So, in the hope of encouraging everyone to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance regularly, I offer these suggestions:

Remember that Confession is not spiritual direction or pastoral counseling, and it is not the forum for describing our problems in life or sorting through our character flaws. Instead, in the Sacrament of Penance, the penitent simply names his sins and the confessor pronounces absolution for those sins. The priest may or may not ask a question or offer a word of encouragement, but the entire exchange can and ordinarily should be very brief. Anyone who wants counseling or direction is welcome to ask for those, but the Sacrament of Penance serves an entirely different purpose.

Begin by describing your state in life (married or single, age, etc) and telling the confessor the last time you went to Confession. Going to Confession too seldom leads to presumption, and going too often can promote scrupulosity and despair. About once a month is more than enough for nearly everyone, and all Catholics should go at least once each year. Then with humility and simplicity, name the sins you can remember since your last Confession and conclude by saying something like "I am sorry for these and all my sins." The priest will then name a penance to perform as a sign of sorrow for sin and ask for an act of contrition. There are many versions of the act of contrition, but a simple one we know by heart is the best. I recommend "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Then the priest will speak the words of absolution and send us on our way in the peace which Christ gives us as his Easter gift.

Father Newman



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OF CHARLESTON**
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday October 22nd, and Pope Francis asks all of us to focus not on the country in which we live, but on the mission fields of our world. Why? Because there are 258,540 Religious Sisters laboring there, there are 844,000 Catechists teaching the faith to the world's villages, there are 38,140 Seminarians studying for the Priesthood, there are 8750 shelters serving the homeless, and there are 26 million children receiving necessary assistance.

In setting the date for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis has sent a call to each of us to go into our world and proclaim the presence of Christ. To make His love visible and real through missionary work that reaches to the ends of our world. "All of us can contribute to this missionary movement; with our prayers and activities, with material offerings and the offering of our sufferings, and our personal witness."

"Just as the disciples of Emmaus told the others what had taken place along the way (Lk 24:35), so too our proclamation will be a joyful telling of Christ the Lord, his life, his passion, his death and resurrection, and the wonders that his love has accomplished in our lives."

Missio ad Gentes, the Vatican II document on the missionary nature of the Church, reminds us that the Church of Christ is a missionary Church, that the human family has a right to hear the Good News of peace and Salvation, and our God is Emmanuel! The Pontifical Societies for the Propagation of the Faith has the primary responsibility for the Church's missionary work and is always available to you. Under the leadership of Monsignor Lofton and Mrs. Helena Moniz, the office is always ready to help each of you.

I thank you for generous support that you give to the Church's missions, and pray God will grant you many blessings in return.

In Christ's love,

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

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 22 October

7.30 am	Brooklyn Lesley
9.00 am	* James & Florence Mooney
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 23 October

7.00 am	Deacon George & Diane Tierney
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Tuesday 24 October

7.00 am	* Michael D Miro
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Wednesday 25 October

7.00 am	* Janella S Moody
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Thursday 26 October

No 7.00 am Mass Ian Boyd

Friday 27 October

7.00 am	Jacques Bourgeois
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Saturday 28 October

5.00 pm	Albert J A Waters
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 22 October

After All Masses: Pickup Birthright Baby Bottles	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (G)
3.00 pm	Lay Dominicans
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 23 October

6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
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Tuesday 24 October

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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Wednesday 25 October

9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
6.30 pm	Religious Education
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)

No Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday 26 October

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 27 October

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 28 October

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
5.00 pm	Mass: Return Birthright Baby Bottles

Financial Report

Weekend of 14/15 October

Needed	38,900
Received	40,654
Surplus	+ 1,754

Poor Box	929
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	622,400
Received	627,346
Surplus	+ 4,946

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.

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

Donations Received 6,243,947

Pledge Balance 437,125

Still to Go 318,928

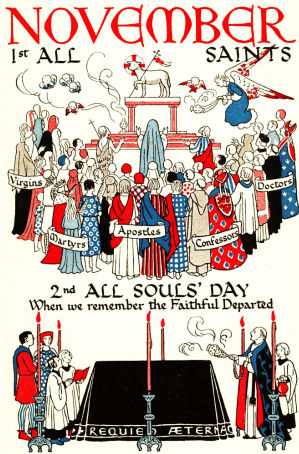
G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

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

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No 7.00 am Mass on Thursday 26 October.

No Holy Hour and Confessions
on Wednesday 25 October.



Wednesday 1 November Solemnity of All Saints A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 7 am, 12 noon & 7 pm

Thursday 2 November Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Mass at 7 am

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, Rodney 'Butch' Artrip, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Shelby Gaschler, Andrew Orben, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Joshua Ballew, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Anna Healy.

All Souls Day Envelopes

Thursday 2 November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day. On that day we pray for the souls of the just who are being prepared for the glorious vision of God, and in your stewardship envelopes you'll find an envelope for All Souls Day with lines on one side for writing the names of your beloved dead whom you would like remembered at the altar during November. Please complete that envelope and drop it in any collection during October.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 21/22 October

World Mission Sunday
Support of the Parish

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



St. John of Capistrano,
PRAY FOR US!

WORD
on FIRE

Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgv1.org.

Congratulations to

Silas Joseph Hryniewicz & Amelia Ann Turbervill
who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Dennison LaRue, Edward & Wendy Jordan, Dennis & Cathy Hecht.



Bottles are Here!

Please consider taking home a baby bottle from Birthright of Greenville, a local pregnancy resource center. Place your donation inside and return the bottle to church next weekend.

Birthright will use these funds to provide assistance to women and their babies.

Your gift helps change the world, one life at a time.

Prefer to donate online?
Visit www.birthrightgvl.org

SMCCW Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 24 & 31 October from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.



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



Visit our website here!

Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 11 November at 12.00 noon



Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Turkey, dressing and gravy will be provided. A potluck side dish or dessert to share is always appreciated. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 with questions.

School Book Fair



Help us grow St Mary's School Library! Shop in person after the 5.00 pm, 7.30 am, 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses on Saturday and Sunday 4-5 November in Gallivan Hall. A percentage of all purchases goes directly to the school library. Visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/>

stmarysschool1 to shop online from 4-19 November. Thank you for supporting our school. Happy reading!

Your Finest Hour

Singing in the Choir Sundays at 11.00



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

Social Ministries at St Mary's

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St Mary's Office of Social Ministry periodically organizes volunteer events to help those in our community in need. This is a good way to get to know your fellow parishioners, make new friends, and most importantly - to serve those in need. Notifications of upcoming events are sent out several weeks ahead of an event. There is no expectations or commitment, just sign up when you are available. We have done home repairs and painting, clean up projects, service at Project Host soup kitchen, and yard work/remodeling/repairs for St Clare's Home.

If you would like to be notified of when our projects take place, please email Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgv.org and you'll be added to the distribution list.

If you are interested in taking more of a regular roll in volunteer service but don't know where to go, please contact Deacon John to set up a date to discuss the many opportunities to serve in our church and community. There is always something available for anyone who wants to serve our Lord through serving others!



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. **Pillars (late group) is studying the Acts of the Apostles.** The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. We take as our foundation the Proverb: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.
<https://masstimes.org>
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

Understand Your Catholic Faith with The Catechism in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Join us as we journey through it together on Fridays from noon to 1 pm.
 Contact cathy@charlestondiocese.org to receive the Zoom invite.



By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

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Daily Mass Readings

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

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION VIRTUE EXCELLENCE



Open House Week
23-27 October

Schedule your school tour
 864.679.4117
nelle.palms@smcgv.org

Grades
K3-8



Cognia Accredited
 National Blue
 Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 smcgv.org



St Mary's Religious Education



**For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson
linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or
864.679.4110**

First Communion/2nd grade Family Rosary

All families of St. Mary's with children preparing for first communion and/or in the 2nd grade are invited to the Family Rosary on Wednesday 25 October at 6.30 pm. We will meet in the church.

Confirmation Retreat Friday 27 October

Those students who are preparing to be Confirmed in November must attend the Confirmation retreat on Friday 27 October 5.30 - 10.30 pm. Meet in Gallivan Hall at 5:30 pm. Remember to bring your Food Drive donations with you.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

NO CLASS THIS WEEK FALL BREAK

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

Wednesdays 6.30 -7.30 pm
6 September through Easter
McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

Free of charge but registration is required.

For more information or to register please email
timothy.nielsen@smcgvl.org

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@smcgv.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 11 December at 6.30 pm. Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgv.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.whelen@smcgv.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.



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

<https://catholicradioinsc.com>



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>



RESET: a fall retreat for WOMEN

"Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." Ephesians 4:24

October 27-29, 2023

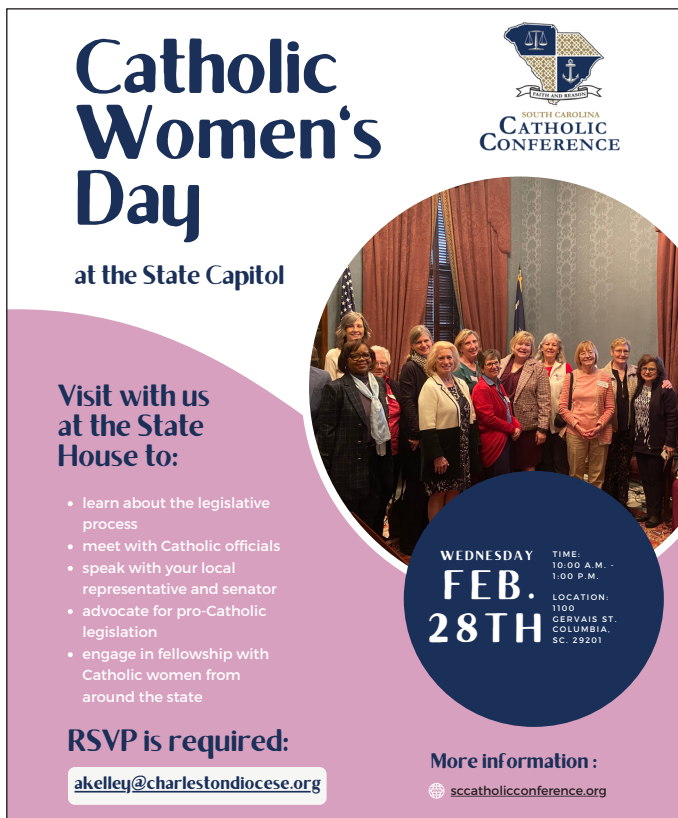
This RESET retreat includes sessions about spiritual, emotional, and physical well being; time for reflection and prayer; a Soul Core rosary; Confession, Mass, and Adoration.

Register at www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/RESET



Theology on Tap

Upstate Young adults 18-35 (21+ to drink alcohol)
Theology on Tap series is 2 November at 7.00 pm at Fireforge Crafted Beer. Join us as we discuss faith, share some fellowship, and order a drink or food if you like!



Catholic Women's Day
at the State Capitol

Visit with us at the State House to:

- learn about the legislative process
- meet with Catholic officials
- speak with your local representative and senator
- advocate for pro-Catholic legislation
- engage in fellowship with Catholic women from around the state

RSVP is required:
akelley@charlestandioocese.org

WEDNESDAY FEB. 28TH

TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: 1100 GERVAIS ST. COLUMBIA, SC 29201

More information:
sccatholicconference.org

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another." ~2 Corinthians 3:18

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 8 am & 11 am

Thursday 2 am,* 9 am & 5 pm

Friday 3 am,* 8 am,* 12 pm & 3 pm

Saturday 12 pm

Food Pantry Items Needed

Catholic Charities is in need of food pantry items, especially any kind of grain items (pasta, flour, oatmeal, grits, rice, cereal, etc), canned fruit or fruit cups, canned vegetables, and hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toilet paper, etc). Donated items can be dropped off when the pantry is open Monday through Thursday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, or if you need to come at a different day/time please contact jthrall@charlestandioocese.org.

40 Days for Life

You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local effort 27 September through 5 November. See all events at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> or contact Judy Masterson at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid Ireland at 864.329.0044.

Closing Celebration - Friday 3 November at 7.00 pm at Piedmont Women's Center parking lot (1143 Grove Road). Guest speaker Attorney Matt Britton (General Counsel to 40 Days for Life), door prizes, refreshments and more.

Rosaries for Life - Pray the rosary during the 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society and for an end to other assaults on human life. Email your count each week to familylife@charlestandioocese.org.

Keeping Children and Teens **SAFE ONLINE**

Computers and mobile devices can be helpful tools for children and teens to learn and grow in faith and fellowship. Unfortunately, the digital world is also full of unsafe and explicit content. You wouldn't hand a teen the car keys without first teaching them how to drive. The same should be true for using technology—teach them how to keep themselves and others safe while using it.



You can use the following tips to better protect young people from harm online:

1 Model appropriate online behavior for young people. Children look to their parents to teach and show them the ways to appropriately use technology. The biggest influence on what children see as acceptable or unacceptable is you.

2 Teach your children not to share private information or images online. Strangers posing as online friends can try to gain the trust of minors. Personal information such as name, address, and phone number should never be shared with an unknown person. Tell your children to immediately tell a trusted adult if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable.

3 Limit usage of computers and mobile devices to public spaces in the home. Not only will this help to prevent young people from accessing unsafe websites, it will also help them to develop safe browsing habits later in life.

4 Install software that can block or monitor explicit website use. Open access to harmful websites, like those that include pornography, is a constant threat to

young people. Website filters can prevent access to harmful and explicit sites and some can even alert you when such a site is accessed.

5 Review and discuss the websites your child has visited and apps they have used. Oversight of your child or teen's browsing history and app usage can help to keep them safe online. If you notice your child has browsed an unsafe website or app, discuss why that behavior is harmful. Learn about current apps that could be harmful to children and teenagers, especially those that involve image sharing, private communication, or the illusion of privacy.

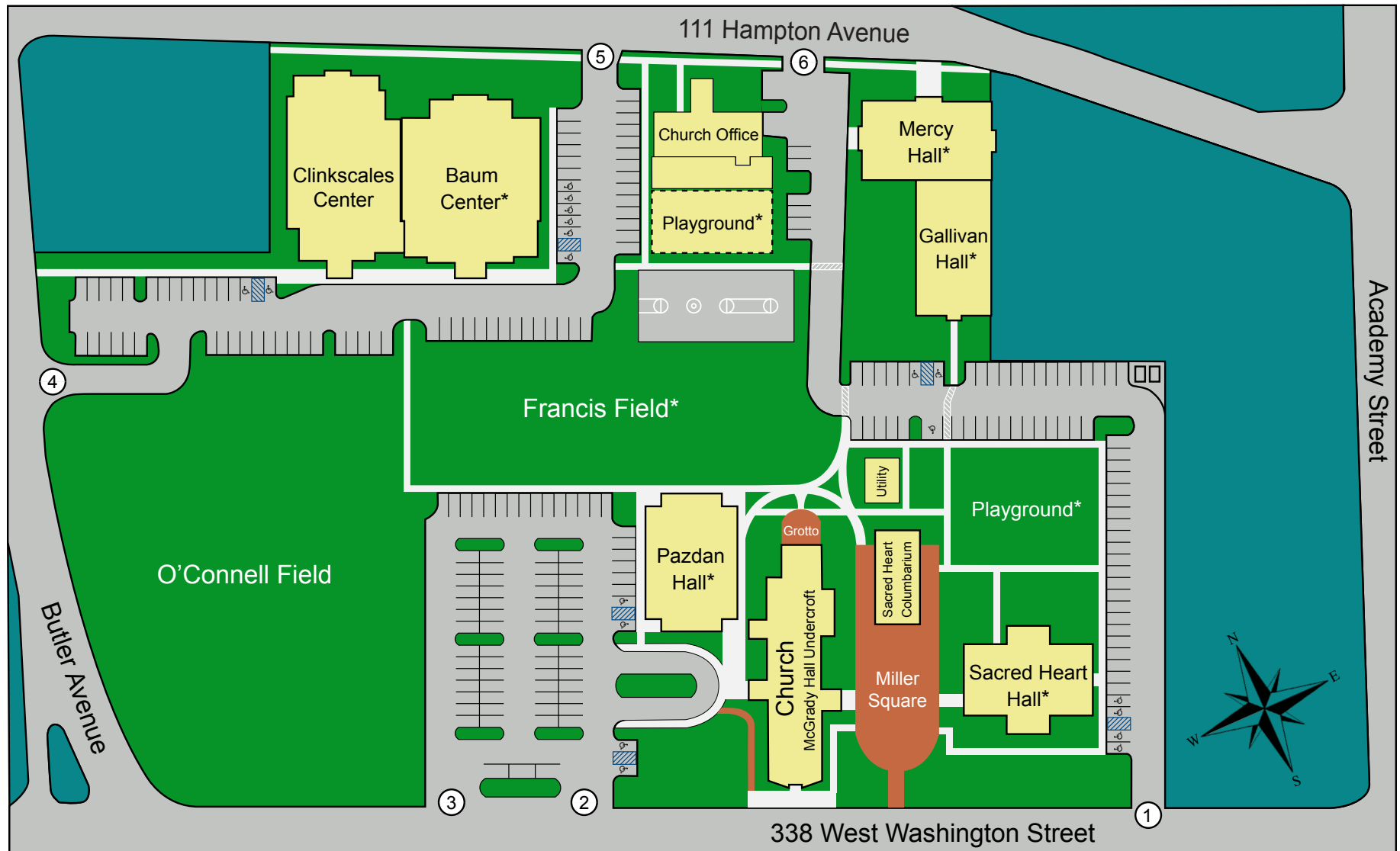
6 Report online exploitation of minors to public authorities. If you become aware of explicit content involving minors, such as solicitation, explicit images or videos, you should submit a report to law enforcement or through resources like CyberTipline from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



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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