



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

12 November 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Prudence is one of the four cardinal virtues, and the others are justice, fortitude, and temperance. These four are called cardinal virtues because they are the hinge or pivotal human virtues around which all other moral virtues are grouped, and when the cardinal virtues become firm and stable dispositions in the soul, then a mature person is able more readily to govern his passions and guide his conduct according to both reason and faith. Following Aristotle, St Thomas Aquinas held that prudence is right reason in action, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it” (CCC 1806).

Prudence is an essential virtue for leading a peaceful and well ordered life, and like all human virtues, prudence is acquired by education, by repeated good choices, and by perseverance in an ongoing effort to forge a good character that moves us to cooperate with God’s grace in honesty and humility. Growing in the human virtues is difficult because of man’s Fall from grace, but it is not impossible. Moreover, no human virtue is ever a substitute for the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love which are purely the free and unmerited gifts of God and by which alone we are justified by grace. Nevertheless, striving to grow in human virtues is praiseworthy and conducive to happiness, and those who acquire the cardinal virtues by long practice find it easier to maintain emotional balance in their lives, particularly during times of great distress of the sort in which we are now living.

Prudence was known in antiquity as the charioteer of the other virtues because prudence guides our actions by establishing rule and measure in human judgments. For this reason, prudence allows us to apply general moral principles to particular cases and thereby increases the likelihood that we will make wise choices which enhance our own self-mastery even when we are driven by strong emotions like fear or anger.

I write to you today about the cardinal virtues because we are badly in need of their service to find our way through these difficult days of economic distress, and political strife. Every day our flickering screens are filled with more shouting, competing truth claims, recrimination, and hatred, and making prudent choices in such circumstances would seem to require wisdom greater even than that granted to Solomon. But it is never too late to begin cultivating the cardinal virtues, and a good place to start is the section of the Catechism which describes both human and theological virtues and connects them to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Read paragraphs 1803 to 1845 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and resolve today to build the virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance in the service of growing in wisdom and understanding of both the human condition and the truth of the Gospel.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 12 November

7.30 am	* Richard Beauchemin
9.00 am	Becket Nielsen
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 13 November

7.00 am	Anastasia Smith & Family
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Tuesday 14 November

7.00 am	* Joseph Ricci
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Wednesday 15 November

7.00 am	* Erciso Massa
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Thursday 16 November

7.00 am	* Lenore Cole
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Friday 17 November

7.00 am	* Sandra Kutej
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Saturday 18 November

5.00 pm	* Roman Family
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 12 November

Nursery:	During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (G)
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 13 November

6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
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Tuesday 14 November

10.00 am	SMCCW Meeting
6.30 pm	KofC Meeting (M)

Wednesday 15 November

9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm	Religious Education
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 16 November

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 17 November

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 November

9.30 am	Confirmation
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 4/5 November

Needed	38,900
Received	42,745
Surplus	+ 3,845

Poor Box	854
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	739,100
Received	749,150
Surplus	+ 10,050

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	6,293,254
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Pledge Balance	434,645
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Still to Go	272,101
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

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

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, 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, Caroline Henson.

School Book Fair



Help us grow St Mary's School Library! You can still shop online through 19 November at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmarysschool1>. A percentage of all purchases goes directly to the school library. Thank you for

supporting our school. Happy reading!

Christmas Flower Memorials



St Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church, gym and Gallivan Hall for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose.

If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). **Please print** your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than **Sunday 17 December** for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Welcome Newcomers

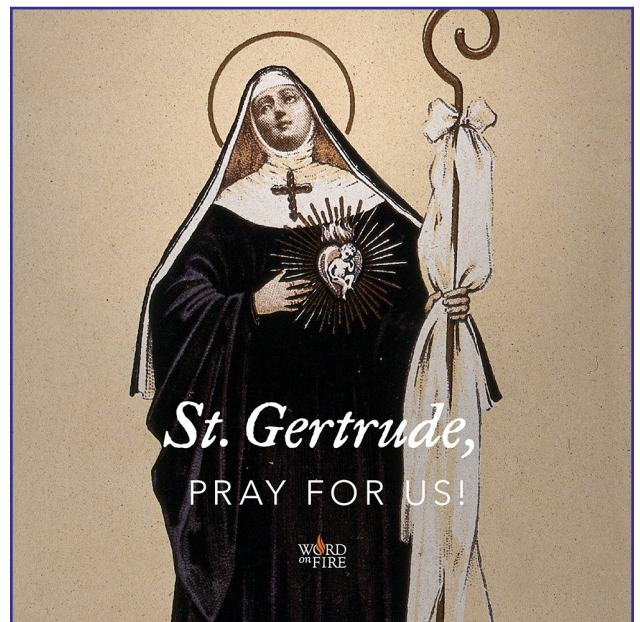
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Josiel Lopez, Ashley Megregian, Marvin & Maricela Jimenez.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 11/12 November

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign
Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Juliana Marie Redfield who was baptized last weekend.

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest at St Mary's Parish. The contest is for boys and girls in Grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. The posters must be 11" x 17" and include a slogan, visual image and completed entry form. The deadline is 15 November. For more information and entry form, please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.



Confirmation

Our Bishop Jacques will be with us on Saturday 18 November to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 65 young men and women in our parish community. Please keep these young people in your prayers this week!



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




Visit our website here!

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Monthly Spotlight

This month our spotlight is on the **Spirituality Commission**. We held our **Fall Women's Retreat** on October 21 where 30 women of the parish listened to three inspiring speakers, enjoyed a time of fellowship, prayed the Rosary and went to Adoration. Thank you to our Spirituality Chair, Courtney Plyer, who organized the retreat as well as the many volunteers who helped make the day a success. Thanks especially to our outstanding speakers: Deacon Tom Whalen, Louise Riley, and Nina O'Bier. October also saw the council participating with the Knights of Columbus on the **Farm Workers Clothing Drive** and donating breakfast cereal and feminine products to **Our Lady's Pantry**.



Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass. We are looking for a Nursery Coordinator (paid position), 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@smcgvl.org.

Your Finest Hour

Singing in the Choir Sundays at 11.00



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

st mary's catholic church
presents

An Advent Morning of Recollection

with
Fr Gregory Pine, OP

Saturday 2 December 2023

8.30 am Mass in the Church

9.00 am Coffee and Pastries in Gallivan Hall

9.30 to 11.30 am Two Conferences in Gallivan Hall

Free registration is required on the parish website
<https://smcgv1.org/christian-formation/advent/>



About Father Pine

From Pennsylvania, Fr Gregory Pine graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville. He previously served as the Assistant Director of Campus Outreach for the Thomistic Institute in Washington, DC, and associate pastor of St Louis Bertrand Catholic Church in Louisville, KY where he also taught at Bellarmine University. He currently serves as an adjunct professor of dogmatic theology at the Dominican House of Studies and an Assistant Director of the Thomistic Institute. He is a contributor on the *Pints with Aquinas* show and a co-host of the *Catholic Classics* podcast. Fr Pine is the author of *Prudence: Choose Confidently, Live Boldly* (Our Sunday Visitor, 2022) and co-author with Matt Fradd of *Marian Consecration With Aquinas: A Nine Day Path for Growing Closer to the Mother of God* (TAN Books, 2020).

Please pray for our parish
missionary serving with



Elise Devine



NET Team 5

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 rsulli42@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!

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Seven Sisters Apostolate

"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil."

—John 12:3



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

The Seven Sisters of St. Mary's is in need of women to sit at the feet of our Eucharistic Lord for the priests of St. Mary's. Please consider if the Lord is calling you to serve through this prayer ministry. Volunteers are urgently needed for Thursdays and Saturdays.

For more information email: sevensistersofstmarys@gmail.com

sevensistersapostolate.org

Introducing the St. Mary's 2023 Window Ornament: "Our Lady of Good Counsel"



ORNAMENT DESCRIPTION:

Front:

top: St. Mary's Catholic Church
bottom: Greenville, South Carolina
left side: 20
right side: 23

Back: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for Us

Size: 1.95" W x 3.71" H

COST:

\$20.00 (by check), \$21.00 (by electronic payment)

Paying by check, use coupon below

Electronic Payment:



PRE-ORDER NOW AND PICK-UP:

St. Mary's Annual Bake Sale
Saturday and Sunday
2 & 3 December 2023
Pazdan Hall

Questions - Cathy Spitzmiller, 864.380.8091 or
thespitzmillers@gmail.com

If paying by check:

Complete form below and make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Mail both to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

SMCCW 2023 ORNAMENT PRE-ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone _____

Number of Ornaments _____ x \$20.00 (if check) each Total Enclosed \$ _____



St Mary's Religious Education



Confirmation Rehearsal and Confirmation

Confirmation Practice will be Friday 17 November. Meet in the Church at 5:45pm. Confirmation will be on Saturday, 18 November at 9:30 am (English) and 12:00 Noon (Spanish). Please pray for these young ladies and gentlemen.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parent Class is this week on 15 November

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

For More Information

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110

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@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 11 December 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.whelen@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.


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I joyfully welcome the fifth annual Together in Holiness conference back to the Diocese of Charlotte. I am grateful that we will offer this conference at two different parishes this year, so that more couples may have the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ through the sacraments, the presentations, and their time with one another. I encourage all married and engaged couples to attend this conference so you may learn how to live a life of virtue within your own domestic church.

Most Rev. Peter J. Jugis, JCD

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REGISTRATION
 Early Bird Couple \$54 | Early Bird Individual \$35
 Early Bird discount available through October 2
 Couple \$64 | Individual \$40
 On-site Childcare \$5/child
 Full and partial scholarships are available, please inquire

For more information, contact the conference coordinators at TH@forlifeandfamily.org or 832-779-1070.



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 St. Barnabas Catholic Church
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Prince of Peace

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." ~St Maximilian Kolbe

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 9 am & 5 pm

Friday 8 am, 12 pm & 3 pm

Saturday 12 pm



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pink & blue gala
FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Discounted Early Bird Ticket Sales start Nov 1

Our gala will be held at the beautiful, lakeside **Fluor Enterprises dining venue** in Greenville starting at **6:30pm**. Our cocktail attire will be fit for Mardi Gras with dinner, an open bar, and live auction!

We can't host a successful event without your help!

If you are interested in sponsoring our event or have auction items to donate, scan QR code below or visit stclareshomesc.org/pink-blue-gala.



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 more here!*

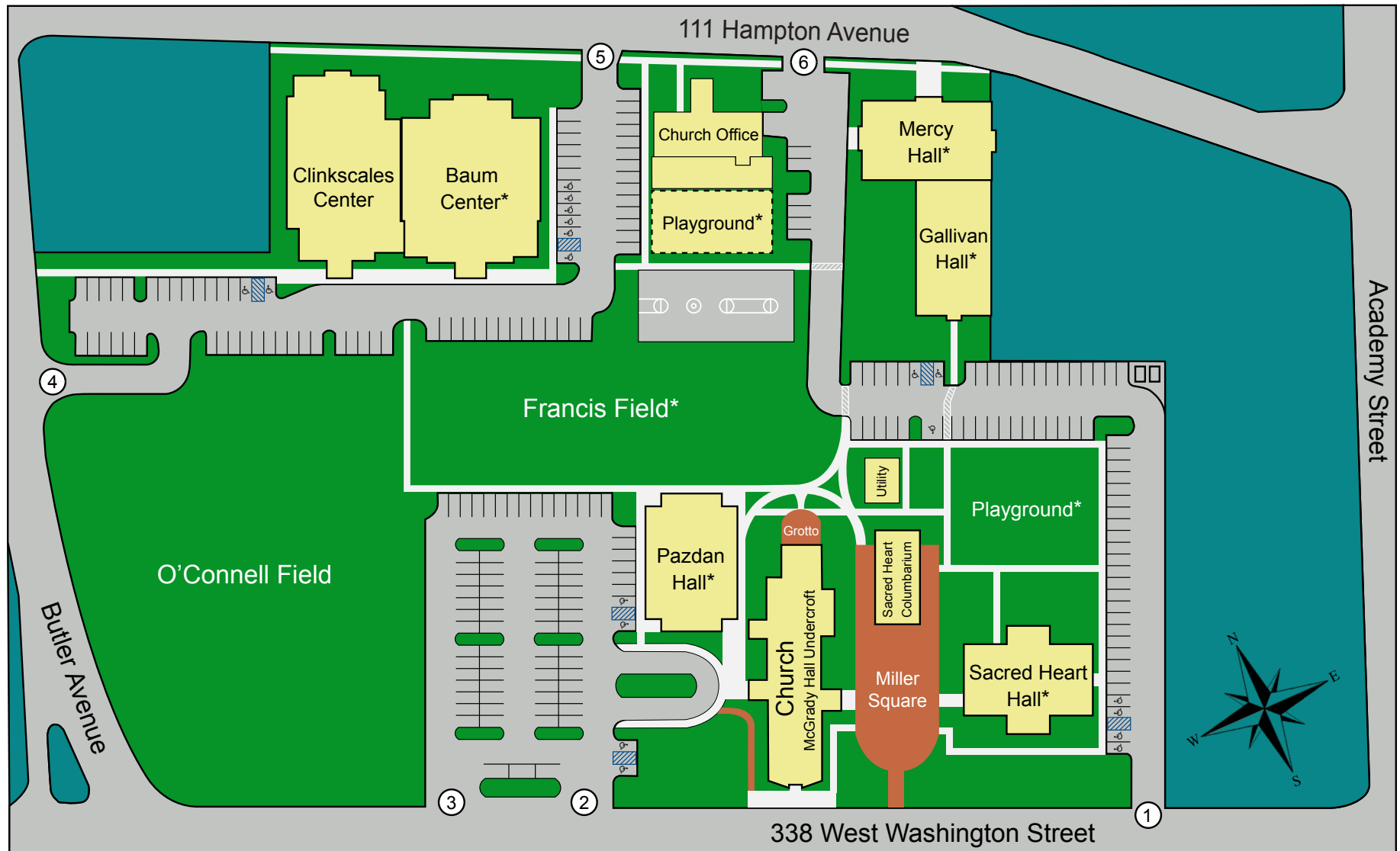
Contact **Colleen Chmiel** for Questions
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SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

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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