



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

19 November 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King, and during Mass at 9 and 11 am our sacred music will be fitting for the sovereign Lord of all creation. And this year for the first time we will also sing Vespers at 5 pm on the Solemnity of Christ the King, so plan now to join us for both Mass and Vespers in celebration of the King of All Creation. Then in two weeks we will begin a new Year of Grace on the First Sunday of Advent, and we will celebrate Solemn Vespers at 5 pm on the first three Sundays of Advent. Please plan now to join us for Advent Vespers and to bring a friend for 30 minutes of beautiful music, peaceful prayer, and sacred silence. We will not, however, sing Vespers on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year because that day is also Christmas Eve, and we will have our usual schedule of Christmas Masses that evening.

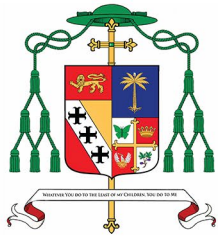
Friday 8 December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patronal feast of the United States and a holy day of obligation, and we will celebrate Mass at 7 pm on Thursday 7 December and also at 7 am and 12 noon on Friday 8 December. Every Sunday of the year is also a holy day of obligation by divine precept, and several other feasts of the year are holy days of obligation by ecclesiastical precept, meaning that the Church is exercising the binding part of the power of binding and loosing given to the Apostles by the Lord Jesus.

In the United States, these holy days of obligation are: 1 January, the Solemnity of the Mother of God; 15 August, the Solemnity of the Assumption; 1 November, the Solemnity of All Saints; 8 December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and 25 December, the Solemnity of the Birth of the Lord Jesus. The Solemnity of the Ascension is also a holy day of obligation, but in the United States that observance is now transferred from 40 days after Easter to the following Sunday.

All of the above means that in a year when none of the holy days falls on a Sunday, Catholics are expected to attend Mass a minimum of 59 times. Even if you allow an hour of travel time for each Mass, that comes to about 120 hours each year for us to be at Mass or traveling to and from Mass. Most studies show that Americans spend an average of 1500 to 1800 hours each year watching television, and the Church asks us for 120 hours each year to worship the living God in spirit and truth.

When we so easily give ourselves to 15 hours of television for each hour spent in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist, how is it possible that so many Catholics simply don't bother to accept the invitation of the Lord Jesus to "do this in memory of me"? Resolve now to make every effort in the coming year to attend Mass each Sunday and holy day and help a faltering Catholic return to regular practice of the Faith. And we can begin this work by celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King next week and then keeping a holy Advent to prepare for a joyful celebration of the Birth of the Messiah.

Father Newman



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 6, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Fifteen years ago, the Diocese of Charleston partnered with the Sisters of Bethany (*Hermanas de Bethania, Consolatrices de la Virgen Dolorosa*) of San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala, to send missionary teams and assist in the care of children, adults and vulnerable inhabitants of the town and its nearby villages. Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in the Western hemisphere, and in the rural Mayan territory of San Pedro, the sisters operate a Catholic school and small clinic. We proudly support this important work through a sponsorship program for students and two medical missions per year to help the community in responding to the needs of the poor.

Over the years, more than 800 missionaries from the diocese have helped the least among us and experienced the presence of Christ come alive in their lives. Additionally, over 600 children in San Pedro have received education and opportunities to better themselves. More than 15,000 people have been treated by our doctors, dentists, nurses and support staff at the clinic, which has continued to provide services, medical aid, hope and Christian love.

We understand the mandate given to us to preach the Gospel to all people and share with others what we have. We are called to serve the poor, the vulnerable and those without shelter or support, both in our state and around the world. Mindful of this calling, we ask for your generosity to diocesan International Ministries and missionary trips to Guatemala during our second collection this Sunday, Nov. 26. Your gift will allow us to continue the life-changing Christian mission of service and impact the lives of many children of God for years to come.

In Christ's love,

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

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 19 November

7.30 am ✦ Marcia Connelly
 9.00 am ✦ Clifford Husereau
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 20 November

7.00 am William Miros & Family

Tuesday 21 November

7.00 am Anna Morgan Custer

Wednesday 22 November

7.00 am ✦ Willie and Elizabeth Hall

Thursday 23 November

Thanksgiving Day - No Mass,
 Church Closed

Friday 24 November

7.00 am ✦ HP Hallas
 Church Closed After Mass

Saturday 25 November

5.00 pm ✦ Patricia Grace
 Smith Forrest

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 19 November

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 Masses (P)
 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)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 20 November

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 21 November

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 22 November

Parish Office Closed
No Holy Hour & Confessions
No Religious Education Classes

Thursday 23 November

Thanksgiving Day - Parish Office Closed

Friday 24 November

Parish Office Closed

Saturday 25 November

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 11/12 November

Needed	38,900
Received	40,448
Surplus	+ 1,548
Poor Box	659

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	778,000
Received	789,598
Surplus	+ 11,598

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@smcgv1.org.

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

Donations Received	6,350,413
Pledge Balance	391,505
Still to Go	258,082

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

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

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions
on Wednesday 22 November.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 18/19 November

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Support of the Parish

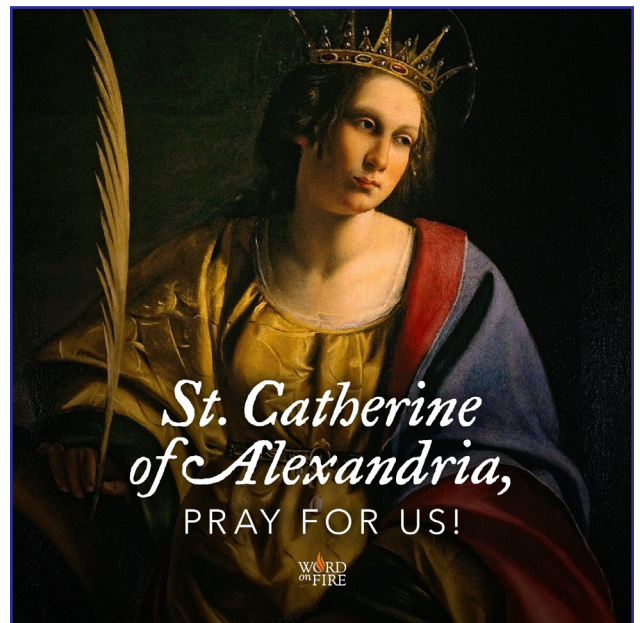
*St Mary's is sustained by the
generosity of our parishioners.*

Thanksgiving Holiday Closures

Mass will not be celebrated on Thursday 23 November (Thanksgiving Day) and the church will be closed all day. After the 7.00 am Mass on Friday 24 November the church will be closed all day. The parish office will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 21 November and will reopen on Monday 27 November at 9.00 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, 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.



Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast! This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 19**

November. For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes. **Christ On Main** is the Catholic resource center in downtown Greenville scheduled to open in February 2024. Please visit the Christ On Main table at the Knights of Columbus breakfast today to meet their team, learn about their mission, and discover how you can be involved.

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.

Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Championship



Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 will hold its Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of 1 January 2024) at St Mary's gym on Saturday 9 December at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from Megan Holliday or John McGrath.

Secondary school athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. Please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475 for more information.

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.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling this holiday season, find mass times at a parish near you.

<https://masstimes.org>

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>



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



Visit our website here! 

Your Finest Hour

Singing in the Choir Sundays at 11.00



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

Please pray for our parish missionary serving with



Elise Devine



NET Team 5

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).

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



Happy Thanksgiving

**Religious Education Grades 1-8
NO CLASSES THIS WEEK**

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

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@smcgv1.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@smcgv1.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.



Vespers

for

Christ the King & Advent

at St Mary's

Sundays at 5 pm
in the church

November 26

December 3

December 10

December 17

Thirty minutes of prayer, hymnody, chant and silence.
Come and bring a friend.

338 W Washington St, Greenville ♦ Fr Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

Holiday Craft Fair



Prince of Peace (Taylors) parish festival to celebrate the start of Advent is Saturday 2 December from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm in the Parish Activity Center. Join us for wonderful artisans selling

handmade goods perfect for Christmas gifts, music, food, church tours, and the official unveiling of the 2023 Great Nativity in the parish. Visit <https://princeofpeacetaylors.org/2023-holiday-craft-fair/> for more information.

FOR ALL MOMS IN THE CHARLESTON DIOCESE

Young Moms "REPLENISH"

Advent '23 Retreat

Friday Evening, December 8-
Saturday Evening, December 9

www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MomsAdvent

In Sunset, SC at Heart Ridge Retreat Center.
Check out our other events:
www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Events

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Monday 6 am & 10 pm

Thursday 9 am & 5 pm

Friday 8 am, 12 pm & 3 pm

Saturday 12 pm



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

For programming information, visit

<https://catholicradioinsc.com>

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@charlestdioocese.org

More information:
sccatholicconference.org

WEDNESDAY
FEB. 28TH
TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: 1100 GERVAIS ST. COLUMBIA, SC 29201

Join us for our 3rd Annual
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.

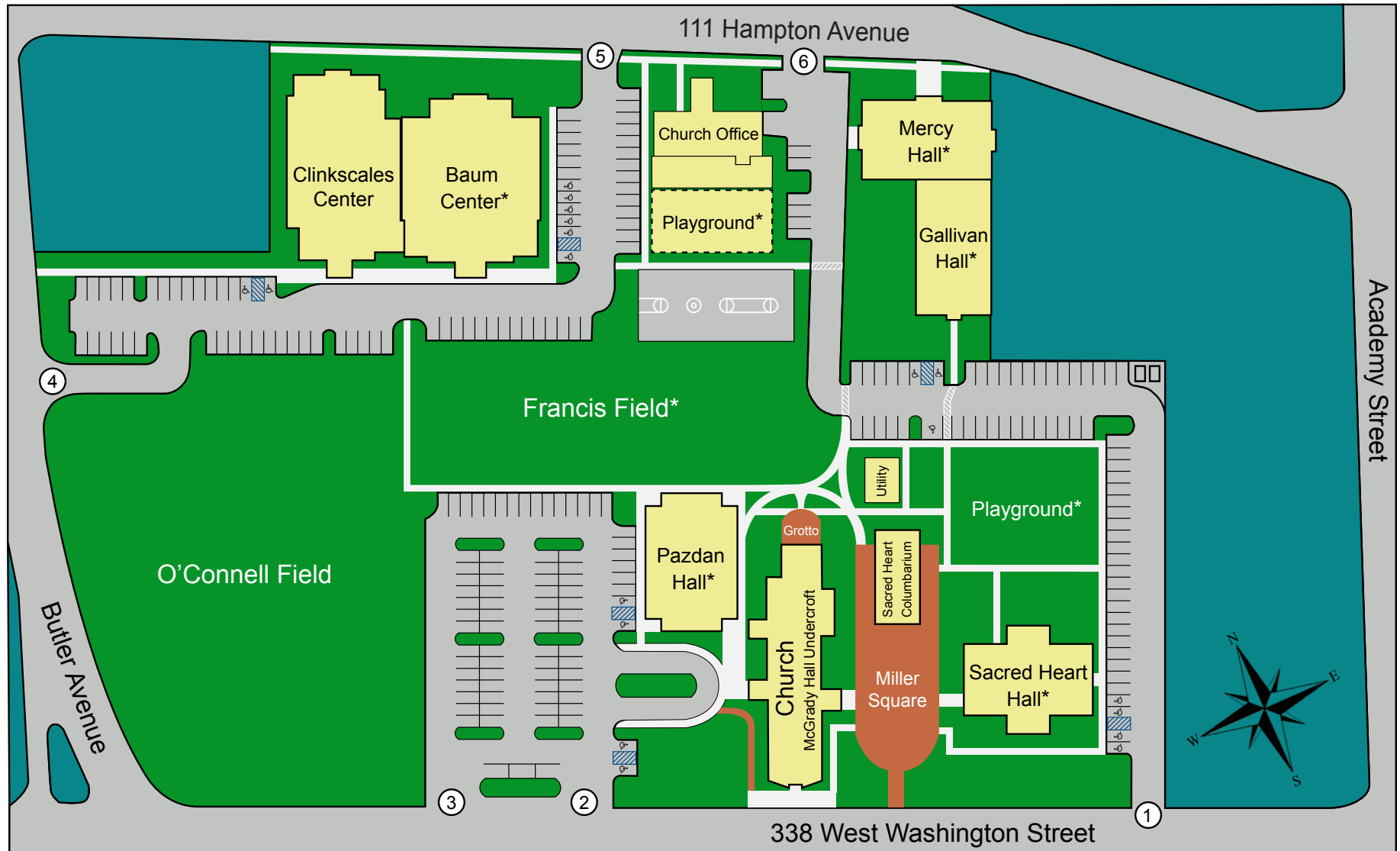
find out more here!

Contact **Colleen Chmiel** for Questions
stclareshome@charlestdioocese.org
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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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