



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

26 November 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

If Jesus is not Lord *of* all in my life, he is not Lord *at* all in my life. That is the way Father Richard John Neuhaus used to make the point that there are no part-time Christians, and on this Solemnity of Christ the King, the Church bids us consider the many ways in which Christ either is or is not the Lord of all in my life.

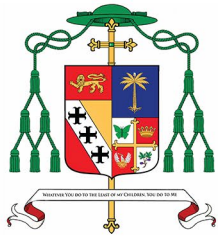
Becoming an obedient disciple of Jesus Christ is first and last a work of God's grace, but living under the lordship or dominion of Christ requires our cooperation with his grace. And that is why the Church's mission to the nations begins with Christ's clarion call to conversion: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1.15)

By our Baptism we are called to repent of our sins and receive the Gospel as a complete, coherent, comprehensive way of life, and this we do by becoming disciples of the Lord Jesus. But to live as true disciples of Christ, everything about us must be measured and guided by the Gospel: our thoughts, words, deeds, relationships, spending habits, political convictions, religious beliefs, leisure activities, lifestyle choices, business decisions... in sum, everything. Moreover, this total surrender to Christ is not a restriction of our freedom; this is the evangelical freedom of the children of God - not the license to do whatever we want but the liberty to do everything we should. As the Lord Jesus teaches, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8.32)

But how are we to do this? How are we to allow Jesus Christ to be Lord of all in our lives? We begin by knowing the Gospel, believing the Gospel, living the Gospel, and sharing the Gospel with others, and the privileged place for this to happen is in the sacred liturgy, the source and summit of the Church's life. Then what begins in prayer finds expression in our service of those in need and our witness in the public square to the liberating truth of the Word of God. Right worship, right belief, and right living are the most compelling testimony we can offer to the world that the Son of Mary is the Son of God and the shepherd king of all creation, and we grow stronger in that public witness by following the Way of the Cross and embracing radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism. The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for this Solemnity expresses this great mystery in these words:

"Almighty and eternal God... you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption, and making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

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 26 November

7.30 am ✱ Marvin Hambleton
 9.00 am Elster Family
 Godchildren
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 27 November

7.00 am ✱ Francis Wilson

Tuesday 28 November

7.00 am Cheatham Family

Wednesday 29 November

7.00 am ✱ Maryann Waicker

Thursday 30 November

7.00 am ✱ Manuel Jose Soto

Friday 1 December

7.00 am Michael & Patricia
 Sechrist

Saturday 2 December

5.00 pm Karen & Stephen Polce
 & Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 26 November

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 5.00 pm Christ the King Vespers (church)

Monday 27 November

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 28 November

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 29 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 30 November

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 1 December

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)
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 2 December

8.30 am Advent Morning of Recollection
 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
 After 5.00 pm Mass: SMCCW Bake Sale (P)

Financial Report

Weekend of 18/19 November

Needed	38,900
Received	42,634
Surplus	+ 3,734

Poor Box	930
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	816,900
Received	832,232
Surplus	+ 15,332

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	6,364,345
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Pledge Balance	390,505
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Still to Go	245,150
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brett John Dowling, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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, Charles Nichols.

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.

Nationwide Mass Times

Find mass times at a parish near you this holiday season.

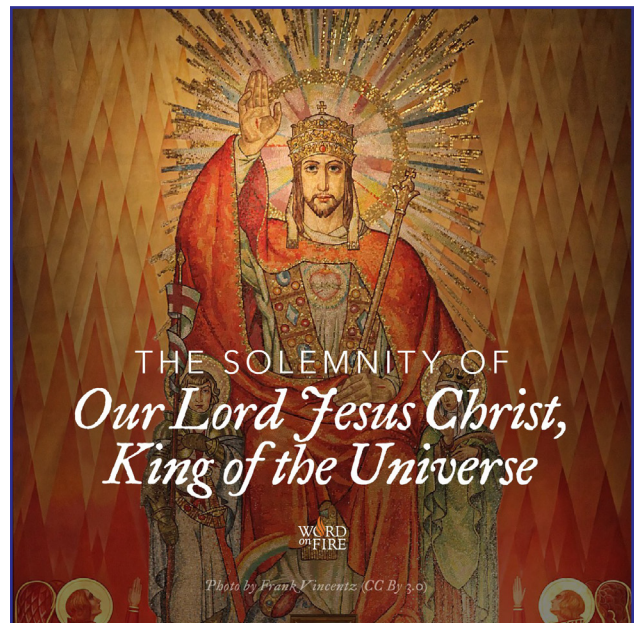
<https://masstimes.org>
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 25/26 November

Guatemalan Mission
Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Mary Margaret Moroney, Earle Hollis O'Steen, and George Wiley Smith who were baptized recently.

James Washburn & Jessica Hook who were married recently.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Timothy & Maggie Morton, John Mobley, Thomas & Alexandra Byers, Jennifer Driscoll, David & Shirley Walker, Frederick Becklo, Luis Quintana & Maria Mesa, Joseph Byrd, Shelby Herbkersman, Kathleen Champagne, Elvira Nabke.



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! 

SMCCW Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 28 November 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.

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@smcgv1.org.

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.

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@smcgv1.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).

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 COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Christmas Luncheon

SMCCW cordially invites all women of St. Mary's to join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon.

Tuesday, December 12

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Poinsett Club 807 E. Washington St.

Deadline to Register: Tuesday, December 5

Name: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

SMCCW Member? Yes _____ No _____

Number of Lunches: A _____ x \$30 = _____

B _____ x \$27 = _____

C _____ x \$24 = _____

TOTAL = _____ with check* payable to SMCCW -OR- by electronic payment. Please see back for QR codes with added convenience fee.

*Mail this form & check to: SMCCW, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602
Contact: Karoline O'Rourke karolineorourke@gmail.com

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Christmas Luncheon Menu

Choice A - \$30*

Chicken Crepes - Tender braised chicken with garden vegetables wrapped in a French crepe topped with champagne cream sauce served with a side of asparagus.



Choice B - \$27*

Bruschetta Chicken - Juicy, white meat chicken marinated with balsamic vinegar and rosemary, grilled and topped with chopped tomatoes and basil served with starch and vegetable.



Choice C - \$24*


All-American Salad (Vegetarian) - Mixed greens, strawberries, Mandarin oranges, candied pecans, dried cranberries and blue cheese crumbles with a balsamic vinaigrette.



Cookies, Coffee and Iced Tea Included
Wine \$7/glass

The Poinsett Club Dress Code: Jackets for men, no jeans.

*Taxes & Gratuities Included



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



St Mary's Religious Education



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 weekend; Sunday 26 November

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@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.

A Prayer to Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
The beginning and end of all things,

You have made your Church to be a people
that bears witness to the goodness and
beauty of your kingdom.

By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one
body, called to live as one family of God.

Fill our hearts with your grace,
that we would be close to you
by being close to the vulnerable
and marginalized.

Give us the patience to share one
another's burdens,

And give us the courage to always be friends
of the truth.

May we remain with you always.

Amen.



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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



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WCKI 1300 AM

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

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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!

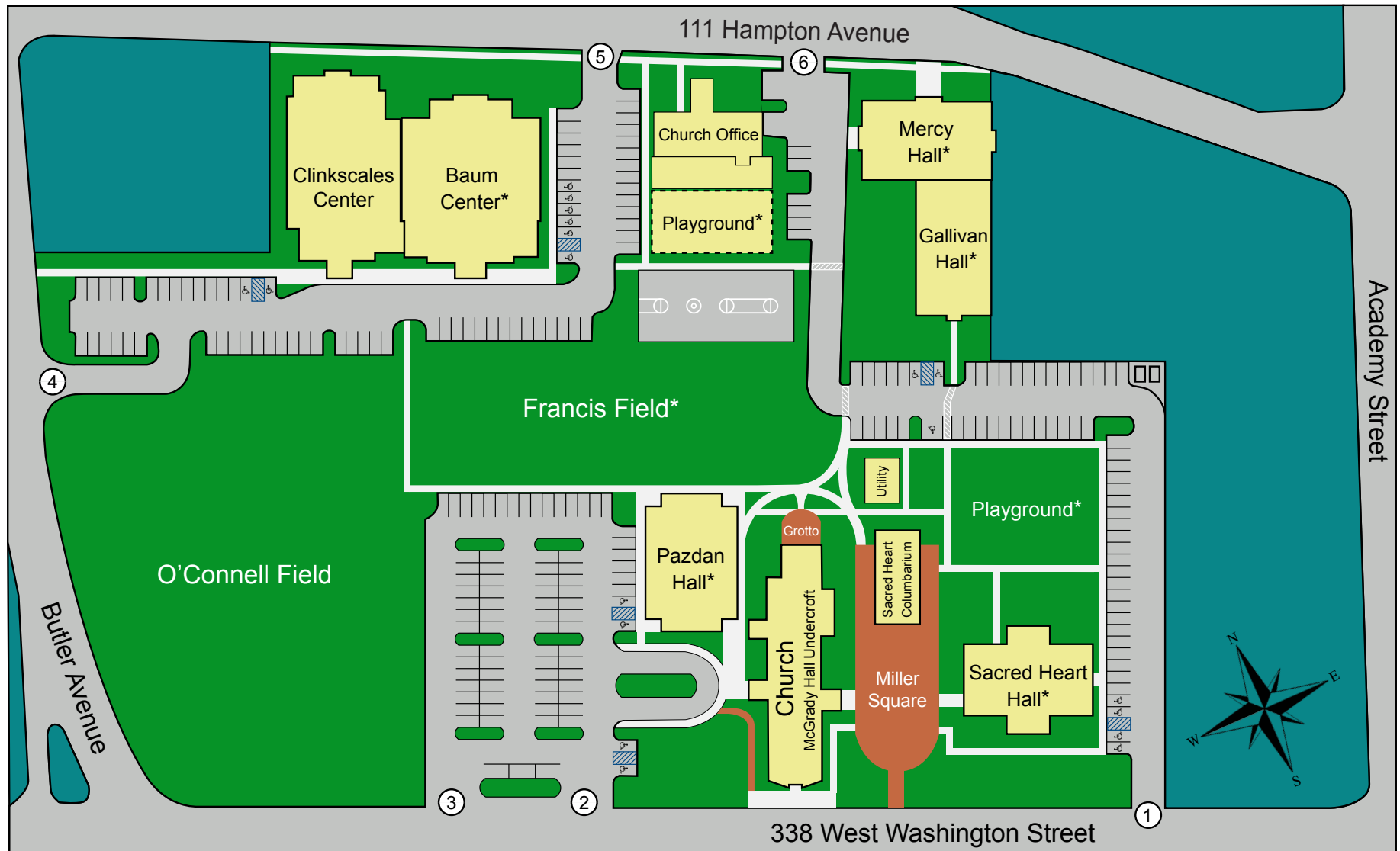


Contact Colleen Chmiel for Questions
stclarehome@charlestondiocese.org
843-259-1108

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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