

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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# Greenville, South Carolina

3 December 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

God be praised for the New Year of Grace which begins today with the First Sunday of Advent. The combination of Advent and Christmastide is my favorite season of the year, and I try to savor every moment of this time because it passes so swiftly - as do our lives! Immerse yourself in prayer during these precious weeks of anticipation and celebration of the Birth of the Messiah, and if possible join us for Mass at 7 am from Monday through Friday and for Vespers at 5 pm on Sunday. Every evening at supper light an Advent wreath in your homes, and say the prayer for that day of the week which we include in our eBulletin each week. Be watchful!

December is traditionally a very important month for charitable giving, and so I want to give you an update on our financial situation:

- 1. Offertory giving is right on track to meet our budget for this fiscal year, and I am deeply grateful for your generosity.
- 2. We are slightly behind our goal for the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina on which our bishop depends to fulfill his responsibilities for the common good, and so I ask you to be generous with your gift to the Catholic Appeal. And no matter how much you give, it is essential that all of us participate in the Appeal to share with each other the work of the Great Commission, so please do make a gift especially if you have not done so before. You can give your Appeal donation to Saint Mary's, and we'll send it to Charleston for you. Or you can go directly to charlestondiocese.org/donate and make your gift there. If you do that, please be sure to show Saint Mary's as your parish.
- 3. The end of this month is the end of our five year capital campaign called Forward in Faith. We set out to raise \$7 million, and we are nearly there. If you have not yet made a gift to this campaign, I ask you to do so now, and if you are still working on a pledge already made, we would be most grateful for the completion of that pledge at your first convenience. Of the seven million dollars, one million went to the diocese as our portion of the Bi-Centennial Campaign. The remaining six million dollars all stayed here at Saint Mary's for the construction of the Clinkscales Family Center and ongoing improvements to all our facilities. With nine buildings on nine acres here in downtown, plus the residences for the clergy and the Dominican Sisters, we are always repairing or replacing something, and that is possible only because of your ongoing generosity to our building fund and periodic capital campaigns.

Scripture tells us that ten percent of everything we have should be used for the glory of God and the benefit of others, and I suggest that 5% of your tithe be given to the parish in your offertory donations, 1% be given to the diocese in the Catholic Appeal, and the remaining 4% be given to charities of your choice including our capital campaigns and building fund.

Father Newman



# MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

(May be used at home when lighting your Advent Wreath)

# **Sunday 3 December**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

# **Monday 4 December**

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God, as we await the advent of Christ your Son, so that, when he comes and knocks, he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

# **Tuesday 5 December**

Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions, and in our trials grant us your compassionate help, that, consoled by the presence of your Son, whose coming we now await, we may be tainted no longer by the corruption of former ways.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

# Wednesday 6 December

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God, by your divine power, so that at the coming of Christ your Son we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

#### Advent Week 1

Candle Name: Prophet's Candle Candle Symbolizes: Hope Reminds us: Jesus is coming

"Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope."

**Romans 15.12** 

# **Thursday 7 December**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come to our help with mighty strength, that what our sins impede the grace of your mercy may hasten.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

# Friday 8 December

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come, that with you to protect us, we may find rescue from the pressing dangers of our sins, and with you to set us free, we may be found worthy of salvation. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

# Saturday 9 December

O God, who sent your Only Begotten Son into this world to free the human race from its ancient enslavement, bestow on those who devoutly await him the grace of your compassion from on high, that we may attain the prize of true freedom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

# **Calendar of Events**

## **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

# **Meetings & Events \***

#### **Sunday 3 December**

7.30 am
9.00 am
11.00 am
1.00 pm

Henrietta George Ebener

Ashley Smith
Pro populo
Spanish Mass

### **Sunday 3 December**

SMCCW Bake Sale/Bazaar: After all Masses (P)
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
5.00 pm Advent Vespers (church)
6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

#### **Monday 4 December**

7.00 am Mary E Gevaert

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1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery 6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

#### **Tuesday 5 December**

7.00 am Blessing Family

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7.00 am ★ Campbell Martin

#### Wednesday 6 December

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 7 December**

7.00 am Kerri & Chris Borys

& Family

7.00 pm Pro populo

#### **Thursday 7 December**

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

#### Friday 8 December

#### **Immaculate Conception**

7.00 am 

♣ Jamie Farley

12.00 pm 

♣ Ronald & Lorraine Labbe

# Friday 8 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 9 December

5.00 pm

## ♣ John Sabine

# Saturday 9 December

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church) After 5.00 pm Mass: KofC/OLP Food Drive

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall

P - Pazdan Hall

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

# **Financial Report**

#### Weekend of 25/26 November

 Needed
 38,900

 Received
 39,061

 Surplus
 + 161

Poor Box 473

#### Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 855,800

 Received
 871,293

 Surplus
 + 15,493

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 6,381,963 Received

Pledge 390,155 Balance

**Still to Go** 227,882

# **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.

# Immaculate Conception - 8 December Holy Day of Obligation

We will celebrate three Masses for the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the Church in the United States, on Thursday 7 December at 7.00 pm and Friday 8 December at 7.00 am & 12.00 noon.

#### **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: Vicky Campos, Louis & Sharyn Papet, Oscar Suarez & Aurora Garcia Cienfuegos, David & Camille Landry, Todd & Mackenzie Casteel.

# Parish News

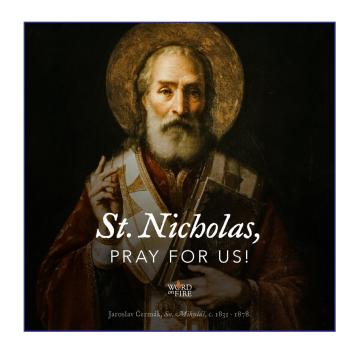
## Collection for 2/3 December

Support of the Parish

# Collection for 7/8 December - Immaculate Conception

Support of the Parish

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



# **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@smcgvl.org



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

Visit our website here!





## **Nationwide Mass Times**

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

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

# **Daily Mass Readings**

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





# CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"Thank you so much to all for everything you do! May you be blessed for providing to the ones who may need a helping hand, to the homeless! I hope y'all realize just how important you are to a lot of us. You all give us a blessing and a reason to smile on days like this. God bless you."

Our Lady's
Pantry serves
approximately
300+ families
a month!





Knights of Columbus Council #13112 invites you to participate in a food drive in service of

# Our Lady's Pantry

Drop off before Masses on Saturday & Sunday 9-10 December

# Suggested Donations based on current needs

<u>FOOD</u>	BABY NEEDS
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<b>VEGETABLES</b>	BABY FOOD
CANNED FRUITS	
	DIAPERS -
CEREAL	sizes 2,3,4,5
PASTA	
OATMAL	<b>BABY WIPES</b>
GRITS	
FLOUR	DIAPER RASH
COOKING OIL	OINTMENT

Drop off at Our Lady's Pantry blue box van in the church parking lot

Monetary donation checks can be made out to Catholic Charities. Please note OLP Greenville on the memo line.



# St. Mary's Annual Gala Sponsorship Opportunities 2024

# Patron - \$10,000

- VIP RESERVED TABLE
- EXCLUSIVE BARTENDER SERVICE
- NAME PLAQUE IN NEW GYMNASIUM
- FEATURE IN ANNUAL FUND REPORT
- FEATURE STORY IN ST. MARY'S SCHOOL QUACKER NEWSLETTER

# Diamond - \$5,000

- NAME PLAQUE IN NEW GYMNASIUM
- FEATURE IN ANNUAL FUND REPORT
- FEATURE STORY IN ST. MARY'S SCHOOL QUACKER NEWSLETTER
- PREMIUM ONLINE & SOCIAL BRANDING

- PREMIUM MOBILE AND ONLINE BRANDING
- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT
- TWO-PAGE SPREAD IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF FOUR FACULTY/STAFF TICKETS
- 8 GALA TICKETS

#### SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT

- SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT
- TWO-PAGE SPREAD IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF TWO FACULTY/STAFF TICKETS
- 8 GALA TICKETS

# Platinum - \$3,500

- PREMIUM ONLINE & SOCIAL BRANDING
- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT
- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 8 GALA TICKETS

# Gold - \$2,000

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM
- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 6 GALA TICKETS

# Silver - \$1,000

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM
- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 4 GALA TICKETS

# Bronze - \$500

- SPONSOR LISTING IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
   2 GALA TICKETS

# St. Mary's Annual Gala **Sponsorship Form 2024**

We are ever grateful for your support!

## Please select one:

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	BRONZE -	\$500
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MARCH 9, 2024 6:00PM

SPONSOR NAME.			
PRIMARY CONTACT NAME:			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
EMAIL:	PHONE:		
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IF SELECTING PATRON OR DIAMOND, NAME TO APPEAR ON PLAQUE IN GYMNASIUM:

Please email form to gala@smcgvl.org
Or mail to: St. Mary's School
Attention: Sarah Ratcliff/Gala
101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

# Christmas

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 -ORby 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



# St Mary's Religious Education



#### **Religious Education Grades 1-8**

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Parents meet the 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@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 <u>Inactive</u> and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgvl.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@smcgvl.org to register.

# **Spiritual Direction**

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

# **Natural Family Planning Classes**

#### In Person Sessions

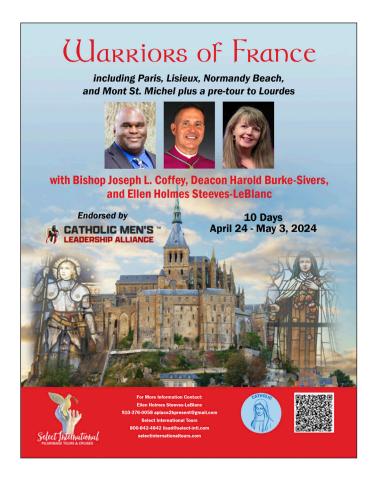
14 December at 7.00 pm at St Francis Eastside (Greenville) - email napronurse@aol.com

#### Virtual Sessions

11 December at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com 14 December at 8.00 pm - bit.ly/introwithemma

Email to register for the Introductory Sessions.





# ${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

#### **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 <u>please consider</u> one of the following hours of need (\*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 8 am & 11 am Monday 6 am Thursday 9 am & 5 pm Friday 8 am & 12 pm Saturday 12 pm



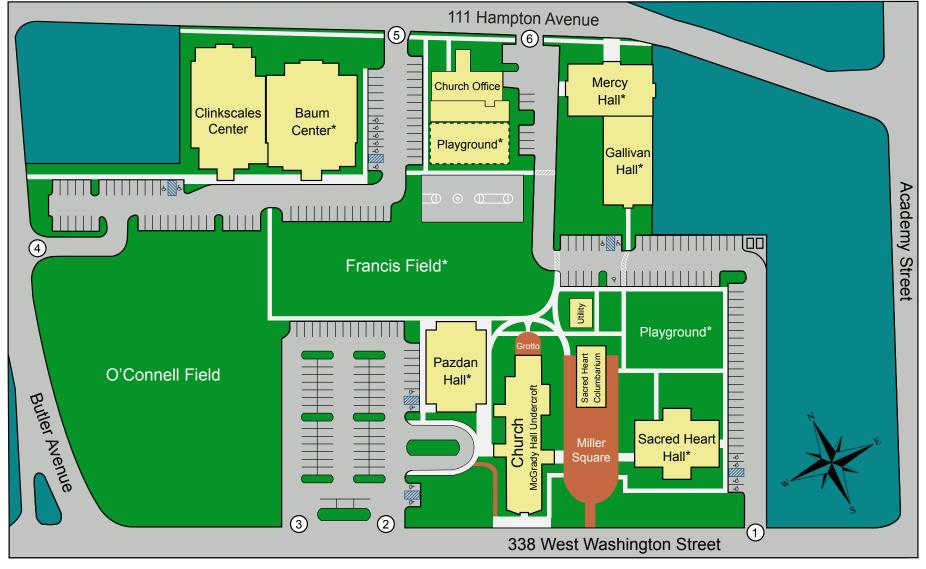
For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com



#### 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.

#### The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

Father Jay Scott Newman Pastor of St Mary's Church Diocesan Chancellor Dean of Greenville pastor@smcgvl.org

Father Orlando Cheverría Parochial Vicar of St Mary's Church Priest of San Sebastian jcheverria-jimenez@charlestondiocese.org Father Jonathan Duncan
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's Church
Bon Secours Director of Spiritual Care
fatherduncan@smcgvl.org

Father Bartholomew Leon Pastor of St Rafka Church Assisting Priest at St Mary's Church bleon@charlestondiocese.org

#### **Permanent Deacons**

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