



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

14 January 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The glories of Christmastide are now behind us, and the rigors of the 40 Days don't arrive until Ash Wednesday which falls this year on 14 February. That gives us just over four weeks before Lent to live in the Thirty-Four Weeks of the Year, also called Ordinary Time, when the Church is clothed with green as a sign of the spiritual growth that continues in all who are made a new creation by Jesus Christ.

In these four weeks, the sacred liturgy will rejoice in the holiness of the following saints and martyrs: Saint Anthony the Abbot, Saint Sebastian, Saint Agnes, Saint Francis de Sales, Saints Timothy and Titus, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint John Bosco, Saint Agatha, Saint Paul Miki, Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, and Saint Scholastica. Drawn from every epoch of the Church's 2000 year history, these men and women lived the consecration of their Holy Baptism with heroic virtue by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and they bear eloquent witness to the beauty of being a new creation, the same destiny to which each of us is called by our Baptism.

During those same four weeks, the Church will keep two feasts of universal importance to all Christians. On 25 January we will celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul, and on 2 February we will keep the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, a celebration also known as Candlemas because of the traditional blessing of liturgical candles which are signs among us of Christ the Light of the World. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is also called enlightenment or illumination because in that beginning of the life of grace we receive the light of the Gospel in which we are called to walk all our days.

On every day of the year, the Church lifts up the entire human race to God the Father through God the Son in God the Holy Spirit for the salvation of souls and the sanctification of all creation, and this work takes place first of all in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours. Every Christian can participate in this ceaseless sacrifice of praise by attending Mass, praying the Hours, reading Holy Scripture, and serving others for the sake of Christ, who is revealed especially in those who suffer and are abandoned. By following this path of discipleship - the Way of the Cross - we strive to live the grace of our Baptism, and in this task we are encouraged and sustained by the great cloud of witnesses, some of whom are mentioned above.

Think of these mysteries every time you read the phrase "Ordinary Time." The drama of salvation history is never ordinary, and everyone who is called by name to follow the Lord Jesus is a player in that sacred drama. On the day of our Baptism, Jesus Christ did call us by name, and He claimed us by the Sign of His Cross. In this way, calling us from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, He made us a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession" (1 Peter 2:9). There is nothing ordinary about that.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 14 January

7.30 am	✧ Nelly Restrepo
9.00 am	Gevaert Godchildren
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 15 January

7.00 am	✧ Roman Family
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Tuesday 16 January

7.00 am	✧ Lucek Mirowicz
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Wednesday 17 January

7.00 am	Fr Jay Scott Newman
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Thursday 18 January

7.00 am	✧ Porter Joseph Miros
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Friday 19 January

7.00 am	✧ Argemira Palacio
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Saturday 20 January

5.00 pm	✧ LaValley Family
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 14 January

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 (P)

Monday 15 January

Martin Luther King Jr Day - Parish Office Closed	
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 16 January

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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Wednesday 17 January

No Holy Hour & Confessions	
6.30 pm	Religious Education
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 18 January

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 19 January

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 20 January

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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Financial Report

Weekend of 6/7 January

Needed	38,900
Received	43,645
Surplus	+ 4,745

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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,089,200
Received	1,128,587
Surplus	+ 39,387

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.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	71,899
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Still to Go	928,101
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 6/7 January

5.00 pm	399
7.30 am	313
9.00 am	421
11.00 am	410
1.00 pm	504

Total	2,047
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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 17 January.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Gorman, 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, Connor Healy.

Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. All closings due to inclement weather will be announced through Flocknote emails/texts. If you do not receive the weekly emails/texts on Friday morning with the links to the eBulletin and Mass programs please email jenni.dillard@smcgvl.org to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

Congratulations to

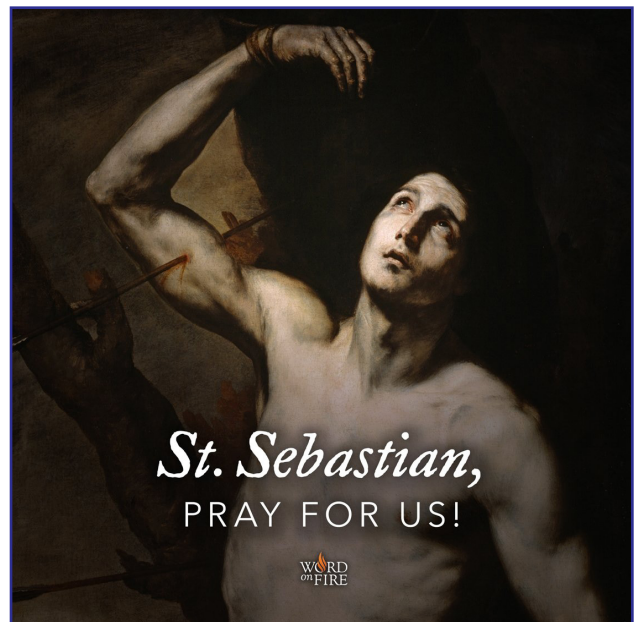
Beckham Grey Thomason who was baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 13/14 January

Capital Improvement Fund
Support of the Parish

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



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday 15 January for the Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

2023 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2023. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

Fidelis at St Mary's



Growing in relationship with Christ, family, Church, and community through the beauty, goodness and truth found in our femininity. This group is meant to bring together women aged 11 to 105 in a shared experience of what it means to be a woman in Christ. Taking from the weekly Mass readings, focusing on particular virtues each week, and sharing a meal with each other and our weekly guest speaker, our meetings will provide a place for women of all ages to grow in relationship with Christ, with each other, and with the community which surrounds us. The group will also work closely with as many of our established parish apostolates in community service projects, putting into practice the virtues we discuss and incarnating the beauty of the feminine complement of God's plan for us. Mothers, daughters, aunts, grandmas, cousins, sisters, religious, consecrated, whatever your state in life, you are a part of God's plan and we would love to have you be a part of this multi-generational effort to safeguard femininity and awaken in our youth a desire to be what God has called them to be. If you would like to join the small start-up committee and help get the St Mary's Fidelis Chapter up and running, please call Cristina Ortiz at 305.439.2172. Our group of women and young adults already praying for the apostolate and studying the program are excited to welcome some more prayer warriors, as well as people who can help with some of the logistics. We will host a Meet and Greet Q&A in early March. Please be on the lookout for that event at St Mary's. *Paratum cor meum Deus, paratum cor meum. My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready.*

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@smcgv.org

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Elise Devine



NET Team 5

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27 January & 24 February
2024 at 9.00 am

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nelle.palms@smcgv.org

Grades
K3-8



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101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601  smcgv.org

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
- 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

Diamond - \$5,000

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- 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

Any questions, please email Sarah Ratcliff at gala@smcgvl.org or call 404.432.0750

St. Mary's Annual Gala Sponsorship Form 2024

We are ever grateful for your support!

Please select one:

- ☐ PATRON - \$10,000
- ☐ DIAMOND - \$5,000
- ☐ PLATINUM - \$3,500
- ☐ GOLD - \$2,000
- ☐ SILVER - \$1,000
- ☐ BRONZE - \$500

 BUBBLES
& BOWTIES

MARCH 9, 2024
6:00PM

SPONSOR NAME: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

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 Religious Education



Confirmation Information Meetings

All 7th students that are in RE, homeschool, or St. Joes' s there is a Confirmation Information meeting this week in the 7th grade Classroom of Pazdan Hall at 6.30 pm. This is for students only. If you are not registered with the RE office please contact the RE Office right away

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

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 March 2024 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.

Belonging 2024
Find Joy in the Journey

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN
of our Diocese

WITH BOXED LUNCH, AND MANY WORKSHOP OPTIONS INCLUDING: A SPANISH TRACK, DEMONSTRATIONS, CONFESSION, ADORATION, THE ROSARY, VENDORS, MINISTRIES, AND CATHOLIC ARTISANS.

Keynote speaker is Sr. Virginia Joy, S.V.
Concert by Pop/Folk artist Marie Miller.
Mass with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.

February 24
at St. Joseph Catholic School in Greenville, SC

Register/More Info






Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

16 January at 6.00 pm at Jesus Our Risen Savior (Spartanburg) *Spanish Session* - email Monica Lara at monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com

17 January at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) - email Sally Zaleki at naprogal@gmail.com or visit <https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning>

30 January at 6.00 pm at Jesus Our Risen Savior (Spartanburg) - email Monica Lara at monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com

Virtual Sessions

17 January at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

HEART & RIDGE
Retreat and Cultural Center

Arise and Shine
Mother/Tween
Daughter Retreat

A CHANCE TO HANG OUT,
TALK ABOUT SOME IMPORTANT GIRL MATTERS,
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY: HAVE FUN!

Feb 2-3




PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling." ~Zechariah 2:13

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

Monday 6 am

Tuesday 4 pm*

Thursday 12 am* & 6 am

Friday 12 pm

Saturday 12 pm

Study with the Sisters

BOOK CLUB AND DISCERNMENT NIGHTS

for single women ages 18-35

Friday, Jan 26 & Feb 2 from 6:30-8:00pm
Friday, Feb 9 from 6-8:30pm (dinner and adoration)

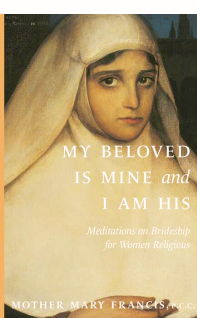

Book for discussion...

My Beloved is Mine and I Am His
Meditations on Brideship for Women Religious
Mother Mary Francis, PCC

Please order your own copy!

RSVP by January 17 for more details
Sr. Maria Catherine, OP || greenvilleop-fn.org

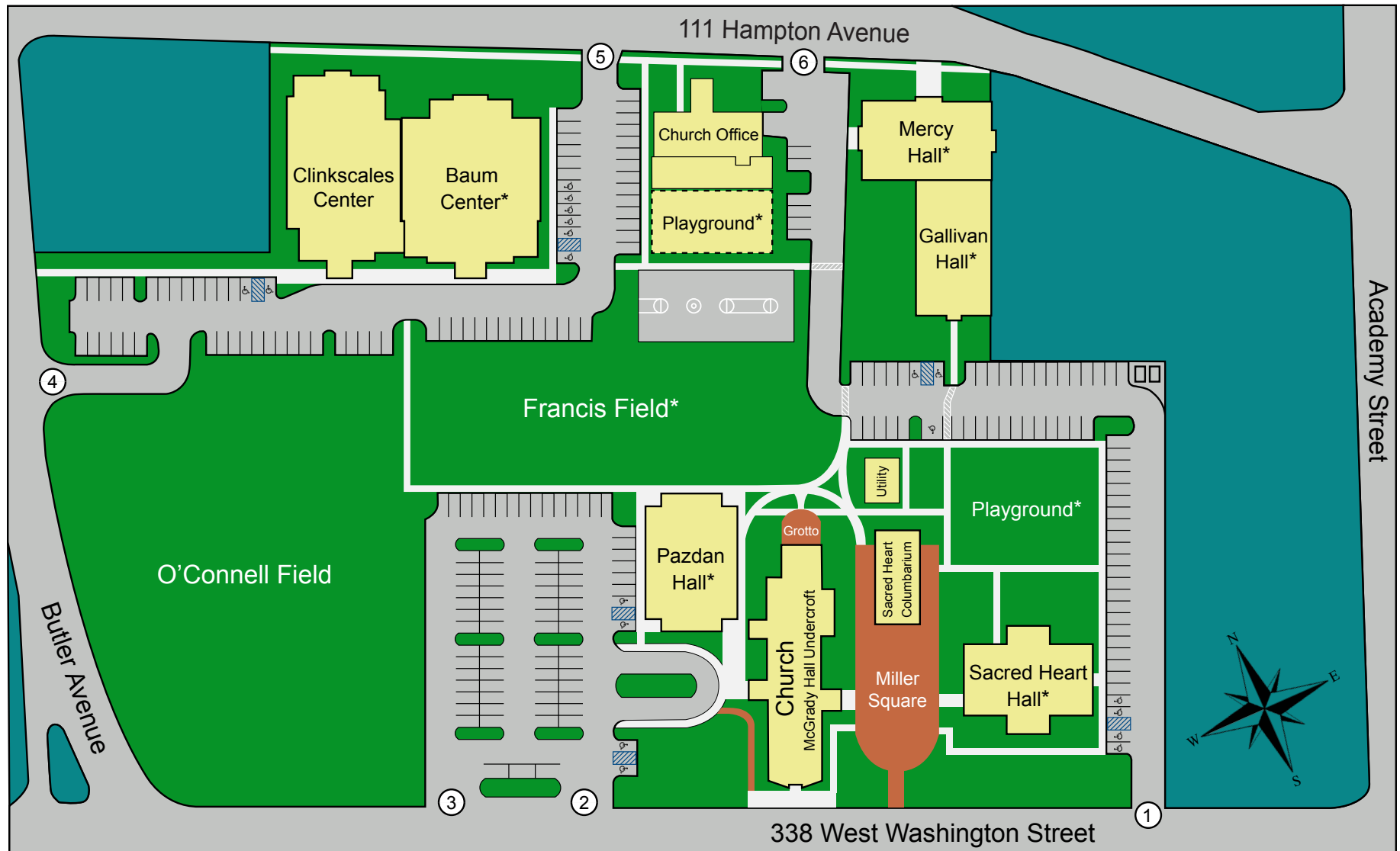
DOMINICAN SISTERS OF Saint Cecilia
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SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

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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