

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

4 February 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins in ten days, and this year Ash Wednesday coincides with the secular observance of Valentine's Day. But no dispensation from penance, fasting, and abstinence is ever given for Ash Wednesday, so if you intend to celebrate Valentine's Day, it will need to be sometime other than 14 February. Perhaps Mardi Gras on 13 February would be the best choice.

To help you keep you keep a holy Lent, we invite you to join us for Vespers each Sunday of Lent at 5 pm. Vespers or Evening Prayer is part of the Church's official daily prayer called the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours, and at Saint Mary's Vespers consists of thirty minutes of sacred silence, plainchant, and polyphony which together make a beautiful experience of peaceful prayer.

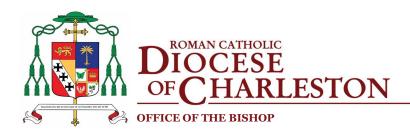
We also invite you to come each Friday of Lent at 6 pm for the Stations of the Cross, a prayer which follows the path taken by the Lord Jesus on Good Friday from Pilate's praetorium, through the streets of Jerusalem, to Calvary, to death on the Cross, and finally to burial in the Holy Sepulchre. Following Christ in the Way of the Cross has for centuries been a privileged way of growing closer to the Lord Jesus, and we invite you to come each Friday of Lent for this devotion and then stay for a simple supper of soup and sandwiches in Pazdan Hall. And to both Vespers and the Way of the Cross, please bring a friend with you, most especially a lapsed Catholic or a non-Catholic who might be interested in learning more about Catholic Christianity.

Lent is the perfect time to go to Confession as a preparation for Easter, and I urge you not to wait until the end of the 40 Days to do this. Confessions are heard here each Wednesday from 5 to 6 pm by two priests and each Saturday from 3.30 to 4.30 pm by one priest. Also, please remember that every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence from meat and that both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting as well as of abstinence.

Because Lent is a preparation for the renewal of our Baptismal promises at Easter, we will replace the Nicene Creed at Sunday Mass through Pentecost with the Apostles Creed which was the ancient Baptismal Profession of Faith in the Diocese of Rome. The use of this Creed should remind us that we have been purchased at a great price by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, into whose death we are plunged by our Baptism.

And that is why we should seek every day to conform our lives to Christ Jesus so that we can live in the power of His Resurrection as a new creation by grace through faith, first given to us in Baptism. We can do this in Lent through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and on Ash Wednesday we will be reminded why it is urgent to redouble our effort to live as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Repent, and believe in the Gospel!

Father Newman



Jan. 24, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month, our diocese will take up a second collection to support the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) beginning **Feb. 3-4**. This yearly initiative plays a vital role in providing for our Catholic Schools, charitable ministries, education funds for seminarians and much more.

Donations are not used to support or fund the Chancery. Instead, these gifts go to food pantries and economic support to those in need; to Catholic campus ministries at colleges throughout the state to form young adults in faith and discipleship; to send men to seminary to become our priests; and to retired priests for healthcare assistance and pension costs. These are only a few of the many programs supported by the appeal. All proceeds of this collection make a uniquely local impact across our state.

I am greatly encouraged by the good works across South Carolina brought about by your generosity to last year's appeal. I thank you in advance for your continued support. Let's be together — let's be "good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pet 4:10).

To learn more about the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina, please visit charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal.

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

Bishop of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 4 February

7.30 am

9.00 am

11.00 am

1.00 pm

★ Roman Family

Andrew J Hryniewicz

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Spanish Mass

Sunday 4 February

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P) Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study 6.00 pm High School Youth Group

Monday 5 February

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7.00 am Fr Renaurd West 1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery 6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 6 February

Wednesday 7 February

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7.00 am Cassian Nielsen

Wednesday 7 February

7.00 am

♣ Dayna Marie 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Kristinik Turner 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

6.30 pm Religious Education

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 8 February

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7.00 am Johnson Family Daughters 7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 9 February

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7.00 am John Lesley 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 10 February

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5.00 pm Aurelia LaValley 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
Spaghetti Supper: After 5.00 pm Mass (P)

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

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 27/28 January

 Needed
 38,900

 Received
 37,204

 Shortage
 -1,696

Poor Box 531

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,205,900 Received 1,245,387 Surplus + 39,487

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

Donations

Received 116,743

Still to Go 883,257

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 27/28 January

5.00 pm	276
7.30 am	305
9.00 am	476
11.00 am	426
1.00 pm	511

Total 1,994

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.

Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass. Currently, we need some more adult help (paid position). 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.



All are invited to enjoy a wonderful spread of doughnuts, bagels and freshly brewed coffee in Pazdan Hall dining room after 9.00 am Mass. Join fellow parishioners for fellowship and refreshments.

Congratulations to

William Blaine Roberts & Mary Katherine Anne Roberts who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

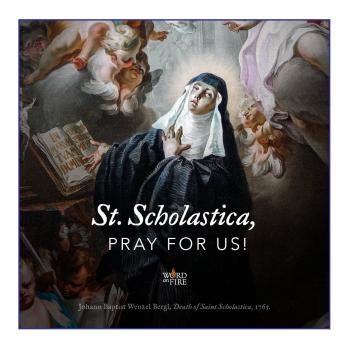
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Robert & Karen Brunner, Owen Chamness, Michaela Bianco, Joseph & Kirsti Reneau, Daniel & Veronica Elias, Thomas & Elizabeth Guinan, Helena Howard, Ashley Garcia, Tim McInerney, Heidi Rodriguez, Mauricio Mejia.

Parish News

Collection for 3/4 February

Support of the Parish

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



Nationwide Mass Times

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

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

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.

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) will soon begin a study of Brant Pitre's book Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist. 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 rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

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!

There is a certain poetry in singing.

Oft times we sing with voice stentorian, Or shape a sound phantasmagorian:

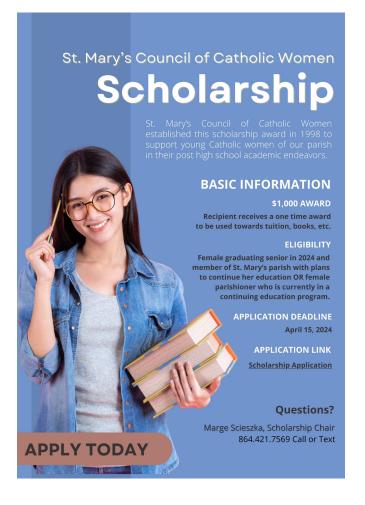
> But during Mass, Beneath stained glass,

We'll sing the subtle tunes, Gregorian.

Discover your verse. Join St Mary's Choir.

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







St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a <u>full-time third grade</u> <u>teacher</u> for the 2024-2025 school year. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced, very organized, passionate for elementary

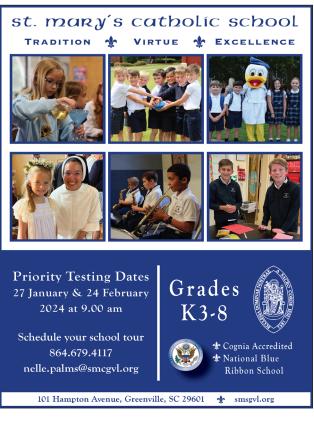
education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 124 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 318 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@smcgvl.org.







LET'S BE TOGETHER.

2024 Catholic Appeal Begins

The **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** (CASC) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 95 parishes, 21 missions, 32 Catholic schools and multiple agencies of the Diocese of Charleston across the state. As stewards of God's gifts, we are invited to support the needs of our diocese through prayers and sacrificial gifts.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Funding | \$5,000,000 Goal

Ministry & Outreach | \$1,500,000 - 29%

- Catechetical & Evangelization Programs
- Child Protection Services
- Ethnic Ministry Programs
- Family Life Programs
- Hispanic Ministry Programs And many more services

Vocations, Seminarians, Priest Retirement | \$975,000 - 20%

- Seminarian education
- Permanent Diaconate
- Priest retirement pensions & healthcare
- Women religious vocations

Catholic Charities of South Carolina | \$850,000 – 17%

- Clean of Heart Laundry & Shower Facilities
- Food Pantries
- Pregnancy Case Management
- Response Preparedness
- Senior Care Management And many more services

Catholic Schools | \$750,000 - 15%

- Tuition Assistance
- Catholic School Grants
- Support of educational initiatives

College Campus Ministry | \$650,000 - 13%

- Conferences and Statewide Retreats
- Minister and Student Training
- Catholic Student Center Spaces *And many more services*

Youth & Young Adult Ministries | \$275,000 - 6%

- Education and Training
- Youth Retreats, Camps and Conferences
- Regional Young Adult Communities

Thank you for making a difference!



Next week, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized information packet and invitation to participate in the **2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. Please take the time to review the materials and make your response in the return envelope provided.

Only by your prayers and generosity are the ministries supported by the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** able to thrive and serve the many people who need us to share with them the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

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

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- 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 Religious Education



Confirmation Information Meeting for Parents 5 February

Parents of 7th grade students in RE, Homeschool, or St. Joe's who dod not attend last week there is another meeting on Monday, 5 February at 2.15pm in the cafeteria. Please report to the school office to get a visitors pass if you plan on attending this meeting that takes place during school hours.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Parents Class this week in Gallivan Hall

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

First 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 <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 March 2024 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

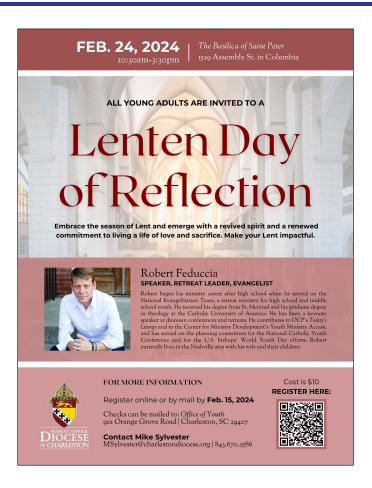
Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

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.



Daily Mass Readings

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

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

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

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

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

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

<u>Virtual Sessions</u> 5 February at 8.00 pm - bit.ly/introwithemma

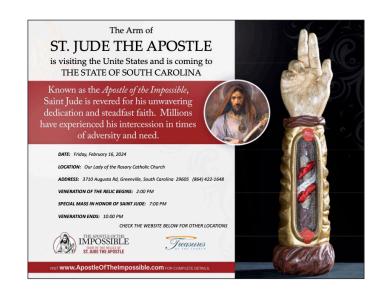
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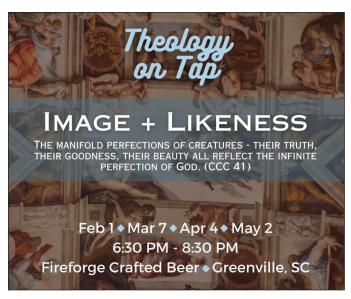
Prince of Peace

"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.'... 'I do will it. Be made clean.'" ~Mark 1:40-41

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

Sunday 12am* & 8 am Thursday 12 am* Friday 12 pm Saturday 12 pm

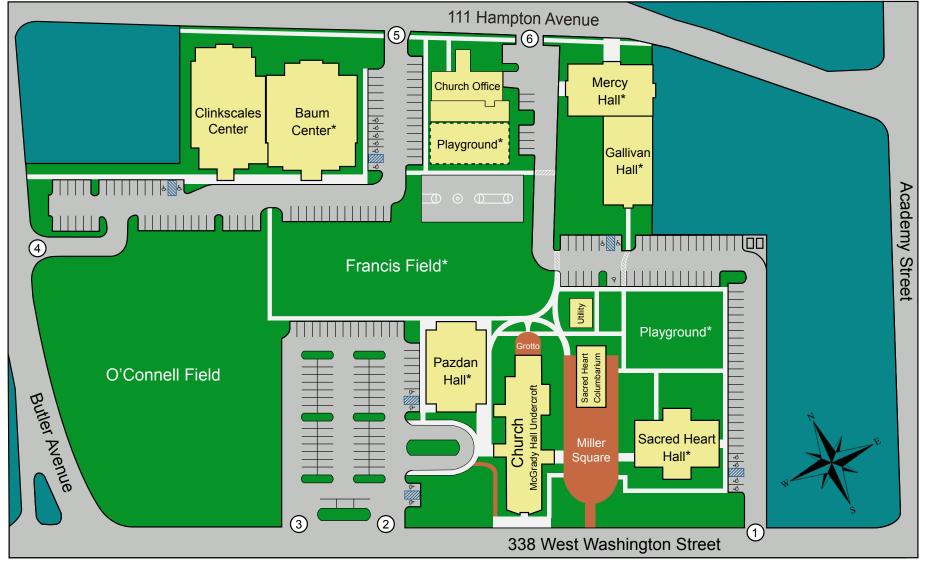




SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

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

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