

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

11 February 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14 February, and each one of us is called by the Lord Jesus to a deeper conversion as we prepare to celebrate the Passover of the Lord at Easter. During the coming 40 Days, let us strive to live in fidelity to the promises of our Baptism which we will renew at the Easter Vigil and at all the Masses on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection. "Are you unaware," Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, "that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6.3-4).

To live the new life of Baptism requires that we first die to sin and self and learn to live for Christ, and the disciplines of Lent are meant to help us in the lifelong work of living by grace through faith in the Son of God through the means of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are some of the practical ways we can do that during the 40 Days:

⊯ come celebrate Vespers at 5 pm on each Sunday of Lent and bring a friend.

₱ give alms by placing a donation in the Poor Box at each door of the church, the gifts to which go to feed the hungry at Project Host on Academy Street.

≇ go to Confession on a Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6 pm or a Saturday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Go early this Lent, and do not wait until Holy Week when the lines will be long.

♥ attend Mass on the weekdays of Lent at 7 am Monday through Friday.

 \clubsuit push back from every meal before you've had enough. Through your body's hunger for food be mindful of your soul's hunger for the Lord, a hunger that is satisfied only when we give ourselves without reservation in the obedience of faith to the Gospel. And on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent abstain from meat and fast as your health and age allow.

✤ invite a lapsed Catholic to return to the practice of the Faith by joining you at Mass or Vespers one Sunday in Lent. A gentle invitation is often the only thing needed to bring a soul back to the Lord Jesus.

 \blacksquare pray the Liturgy of the Hours in whole or in part by using the app called iBreviary or the monthly publication called Magnificat.

♥ come walk the Way of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6 pm and stay for supper after prayer.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. So repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Father Newman

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2024

Ashes will be distributed at all liturgies.

7.00 am 12.00 noon 7.00 pm Low Mass (church) Sung Mass (church) Sung Mass (church)

Ashes may be received by everyone without exception.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, beginning 16 February 6.00 pm in the church

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent, beginning 18 February 5.00 pm in the church

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2024

Each year the holy season of Lent provides us a special time of grace and spiritual renewal so that we may become better instruments in sharing the Gospel.

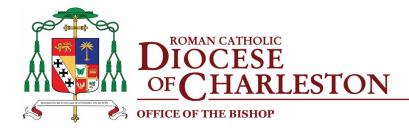
This year, **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, falls on 14 February. The present laws of the Church regarding fast and abstinence during the Season of Lent are as follows:

- 1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast**. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.
- 2. **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays of Lent** are also days of **abstinence**. On days of abstinence, meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

The Obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The Code of Canon Law states:

"On these days (of Penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence..."

May this Holy Lenten Season provide us an opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through a life of deeper prayer, penitential practices, and works of charity.



Jan. 26, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As Christians we are called to imitate Jesus, our savior, in all that we do, in words and deeds. In following his example, we can bring Christ's light to the world around us, even when it is not an easy task.

Jesus, true God and true man, taught us how to glorify the Lord through his surrender to the will of the Father. He shared in our humanity, experienced love, fellowship, pain and loss. He understands, deeply, about enduring suffering and betrayal. Through every part of his passion, he remained steadfast and united to his Father.

God intimately knows us, because "before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you" (Jer 1:5). He created us and then chose to share in our human experience; therefore, we can be assured of his infinite care for his children. Though we are imperfect, he patiently waits for us to love him as he loves us. Even in illness and sorrow, he enables us to use our suffering to draw closer to him to prepare ourselves for eternity in his presence.

Jesus, while on earth, experienced the same emotions that we do, especially the ones who were looking to be comforted. He bore suffering to the glory of God, not uttering words of complaint even when abandoned and derided. We are called to bear up the crosses of our lives behind Christ, who leads us through the gates of paradise that he opened for us. We are, like the man who was crucified with Christ, invited to ask, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Lk 23:42).

When you or a loved one are sick, I urge you to cling to the sacraments. It is in these fonts of grace that we are renewed in the life of God. If we look after the health of our souls, we will be given the strength to endure, even to thrive, though we bear bodily burdens. For Christ himself said that when we take up his yoke and learn from him, we will find rest (Mt 11:29-30).

Please remember those who are going through mental illness. They need our ears to listen, hearts to accept, and arms to embrace them.

May the peace of Christ, who conquered death itself for our sakes, be enthroned in our hearts and minds. And, please be assured of my prayers for you.

In Christ's love,

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

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Financial Report

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, Caroline Henson, Charles Nichols.

Lenten Devotions

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6.00 pm in the church followed by Lenten Supper in Pazdan Hall

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent at 5.00 pm in the church

Souper Bowl Sunday



We will be collecting monetary donations to help Catholic Charities. Soup kettles will be placed in the vestibules of the church this Super Bowl weekend, 10 & 11 February.

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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ada Moradel, Theo Munoz, Peter Pacanski, Patrick Fant, Kathleen Grice, Anthony Cinquemani.

PARISH NEWS

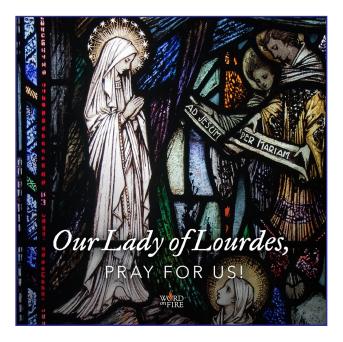
Collection for 10/11 February

Capital Improvement Fund Support of the Parish

Collection for 14 February -Ash Wednesday

Support of the Parish

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



Daily Mass Readings

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

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. <u>All closings due to inclement weather will be</u> <u>announced through Flocknote emails/texts.</u> If you do not recieve 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 Council of Catholic Women

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women established this scholarship award in 1998 to support young Catholic women of our parish in their post high school academic endeavors.

BASIC INFORMATION

\$1,000 AWARD

Recipient receives a one time award to be used towards tuition, books, etc.

ELIGIBILITY

Female graduating senior in 2024 and member of St. Mary's parish with plans to continue her education OR female parishioner who is currently in a continuing education program.

> APPLICATION DEADLINE April 15, 2024

> > APPLICATION LINK Scholarship Application

Questions?

Marge Scieszka, Scholarship Chair 864.421.7569 Call or Text Please pray for our parish missionary serving with **NET MINISTRIES*** www.netusa.org



Elise Devine



NET Team 5

St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a <u>full-time kindergarten</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.





101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 🛛 🛧

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St. Mary's Annual Gala **Sponsorship Opportunities 2024**

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**



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

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
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- FEATURE STORY IN ST. MARY'S SCHOOL QUACKER NEWSLETTER
- PREMIUM ONLINE & SOCIAL BRANDING

Platinum - \$3,500

- PREMIUM ONLINE & SOCIAL BRANDING
- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT

Gold - \$2,000

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM

Silver - \$1,000

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM

Bronze - \$500

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

- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT
- 4 GALA TICKETS

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

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
 - SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT

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UNDERWRITING OF FOUR FACULTY/STAFF TICKETS

TWO-PAGE SPREAD IN GALA PROGRAM

PREMIUM MOBILE AND ONLINE BRANDING

SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT

TWO-PAGE SPREAD IN GALA PROGRAM

- UNDERWRITING OF TWO FACULTY/STAFF TICKETS
- 8 GALA TICKETS

8 GALA TICKETS

- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 8 GALA TICKETS
- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 6 GALA TICKETS

UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET



St Mary's Religious Education



ASH Wednesday No RE Classes This Week Attend services with your family

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 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.



40 Days for Life



40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. You

are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign from 14 February through 24 March. Visit https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville to sign up for local events. Contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid at 864.329.0044 with questions.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally is Tuesday 13 February at 6.30 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Guadalupe Hall (3710 Augusta Road). Guest Speaker will be registered nurse Mary Anne Moroney. Pastor Johnson of Greenville's Church Without Walls will offer the opening prayer. Amy Schiera, mezzo-soprano and professional soloist and choral musician, will lead us in song. Deacon Bill Hudson from St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church will lead the closing prayer. Please join us!

Sidewalk Counseling Training Online/virtual training and in-person training available. Contact Judy Masterson at 864.506.0964 or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

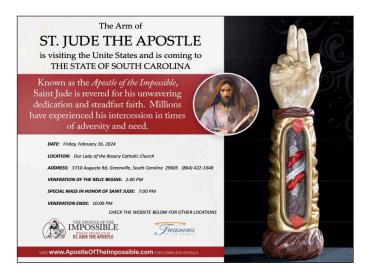
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Prince of Peace

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

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



Family Honor Retreats



Do you need help in talking to your child about purity, love, dating, and other important topics in a way that is relaxed and fun, and where you can spend time with other families who share your values? Register

for the Family Honor *Real Love & Real Life* parent-teen retreat from 1-2 March (for parents with your 7th or 8th grader) or the Family Honor *Changes & Challenges* program from 22-23 March (for parents with your 5th or 6th grader). Both will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary. Family Honor was created in 1988 to provide a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family. Visit https://familyhonor.org/chastity-programsnear-me/ for more information and registration. Contact info@familyhonor.org or 803.929.0858 with questions.

LET'S BE **TOGETHER**.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina?

CATHOLIC APPEAL

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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 ministries throughout the Diocese of Charleston and the state of South Carolina.

Can the funds raised by the Catholic Appeal be used for anything other than their stated purpose?

No! Donations to CASC are restricted for use to the stated ministries, programs and Catholic education only. Your donations directly support and grow these missions — they are not to "keep the lights on at the Chancery."

Does my gift make a difference, even if it's small?

Yes! Each of us must discern what we can give in response to God's generosity to us. All intentional gifts are acts of good stewardship and faith. Together, everyone in the diocese makes a tremendous difference — accomplishing far more than any one of us could on our own. Mother Teresa reminded us, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

LEARN MORE!

Please contact the Office of Stewardship & Mission Advancement

charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal 843-261-0438 | catholicappeal@charlestondiocese.org

Why should people give to the Appeal?

God bestows gifts and talents on us to spread his love and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are stewards of these gifts that include our time, talent and financial resources. Jesus taught us, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (*Mt* 25:40). Let's go forth, together, as good stewards of God's grace and support each another!

Why do we need these ministries & programs?

The ministries supported by the Appeal provide tangible ways to assist many in need, to support Catholic education and formation of young people, to provide seminary training for our future priests, and grow our charitable Catholic community. We are called to serve and invite others into communion with Jesus Christ and his Church by living out the Gospel. The Catholic Church offers outreach and services to the needs of people in our diocese throughout the Palmetto State.

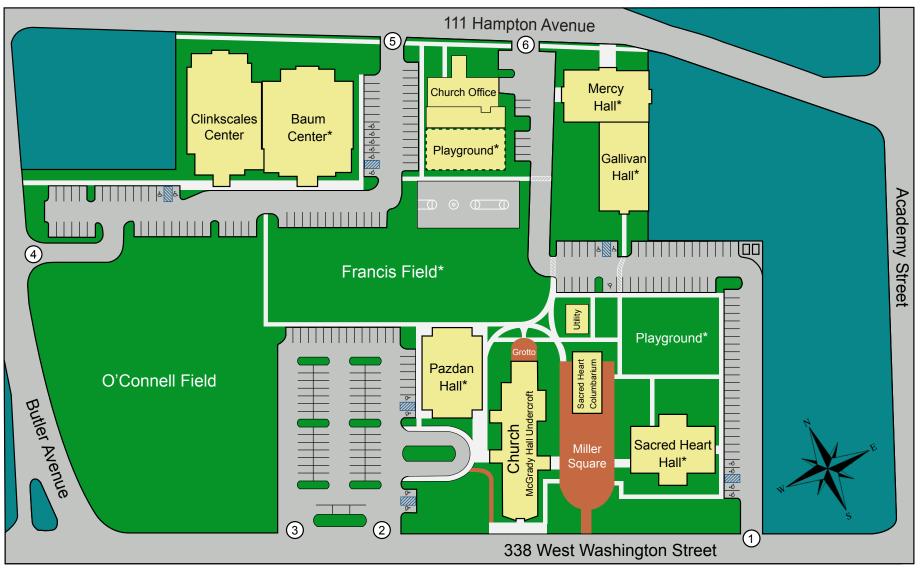
What's the difference between the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina & the Bicentennial Campaign?

The Church's mission is advanced in important ways through the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina and the Bicentennial Campaign. The Appeal supports the daily operation of critical ministries throughout our state. The Bicentennial Campaign funds more strategic, comprehensive, long-range and larger scale initiatives to help the Church serve its people and prepare for doing the Lord's work in the future.

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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