



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

25 February 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Nicene Creed we confess that Jesus Christ is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,” and these words are an emphatic affirmation that the man who is the son of Mary is also the divine Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. But the Light which we confess Christ to be is not the created light which sprang forth at the of dawn creation when the Father commanded: Let there be light! No, Christ Jesus in his divine nature is the bearer of the uncreated Light which is the brightness of divine glory, and in the Christian East that is often called Tabor Light as a reference to the holy mystery of Christ’s Transfiguration on Mount Tabor.

The Transfiguration is described by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and every year the Gospel appointed for the Second Sunday of Lent is an account of that event. The Lord Jesus takes the inner circle of the Twelve with him up a high mountain - identified by tradition as Mount Tabor - to prepare them for the tribulation to come, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the significance of the event: “From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master ‘began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed and on the third day be raised.’ Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus’ Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus’ face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking ‘of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.’ A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’” (CCC 554)

“For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter’s confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order ‘to enter into his glory.’ Moses and Elijah had seen God’s glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah’s sufferings. Christ’s Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God’s servant, the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit ... The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he “will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body. But is also recalls that ‘it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.’” (CCC 555-556)

Standing in the transfigured glory of the Lord Jesus, Peter was filled with both fear and awe. He could scarcely look at the brightness of Christ’s glory, and yet he could not imagine leaving that sacred place. The brightness of the cloud at Tabor and at Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan is the same brightness that blinded Saul on the Damascus Road, that burst forth in the bush which burned before Moses without being consumed, and that filled the Meeting Tent and the Temple as a sign of God’s presence among his people. At this Mass we rejoice to be in the presence of the Light from Light, even as we prepare to go down from the mountain of the sacred liturgy and give witness to Christ by joining him in the Way of the Cross.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 25 February

7.30 am	✧ Cecile Alonge
9.00 am	Edmund & Espen Elster
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 26 February

7.00 am	✧ All Souls in Purgatory
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Tuesday 27 February

7.00 am	✧ Tim Wakefield
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Wednesday 28 February

7.00 am	✧ Rory Morgan
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Thursday 29 February

7.00 am	✧ Aurelia Harris
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Friday 1 March

7.00 am	✧ Wesley Basham
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Saturday 2 March

5.00 pm	John Matthew Gevaert
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 25 February

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	Solemn Vespers (church)
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (P)

Monday 26 February

6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
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Tuesday 27 February

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
6.30 pm	KofC Meeting (M)

Wednesday 28 February

9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)
6.30 pm	Religious Education

Thursday 29 February

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 1 March

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
6.00 pm	Way of the Cross (church) followed by Lenten Supper (P)
7.00 pm	Spanish Rosary

Saturday 2 March

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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Financial Report

Weekend of 17/18 February

Needed	38,900
Received	40,295
Surplus	+ 1,395

Poor Box	1,018
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,322,600
Received	1,368,528
Surplus	+ 45,928

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@smcgv1.org.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
Donations Received	140,574
Still to Go	859,426

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 17/18 February

5.00 pm	361
7.30 am	342
9.00 am	484
11.00 am	405
1.00 pm	502

Total	2,094
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

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

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, Frances Waters.

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

Easter Flowers



Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use your Easter Flower Offering envelope or a plain white envelope for your donation. **Please print your name and the names of those you wish to honor.** Memorial requests must

be received no later than **Sunday 24 March** for the names to appear in the Easter Flower list. Thank you for your support.

Nursery Help Needed

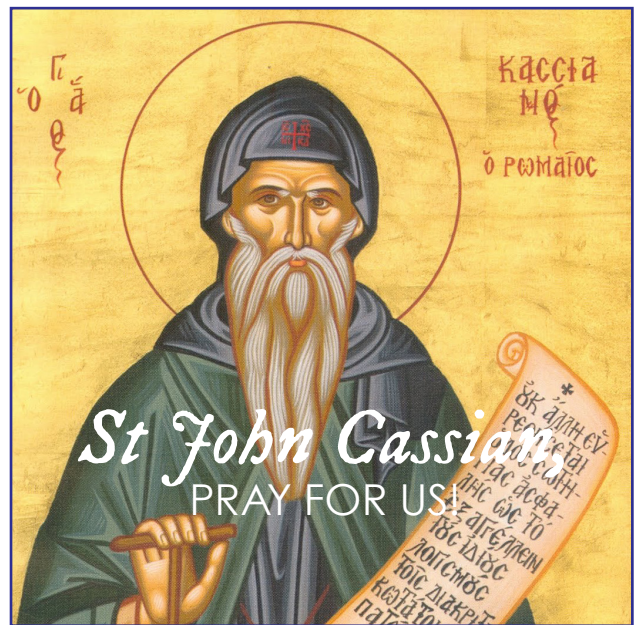
Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass. Currently, we need some more adult help (paid position). If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgv.org.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 24/25 February

Central & Eastern Europe
Support of the Parish

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



Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Shane & Kathryn Thurston, Fabiana Leão, Martin & Cynthia Carney.

2023 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgv.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.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.
<https://masstimes.org>
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

Fidelis at St Mary's



Fidelis forms girls - heart, mind, body, and soul - into a sisterhood of mature, virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic Women and fun activities.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Scholarship

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

APPLY TODAY

Fidelis Meetings Regular weekly meetings will begin this fall on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 - 8.00 pm in Pazdan Hall. Meetings will include prayer, dinner, social time, reflections on Sunday's Mass readings, a speaker, and small group sessions. Once a month we will work in conjunction with a parish or community apostolate for our community service project, with emphasis on the incarnation of the particular virtue being studied. Find more information at <https://www.fidelisonline.org/program>.

Other Activities The organization also offers several activities throughout the year. Coming up are a Lenten Pilgrimage to Hanceville, AL. Find more details at <https://www.fidelisonline.org/about-3>. A summer camp in Copperhill, TN with Mass, adoration, confessions, and plenty of fun and challenging outdoor activities will take place before our first chapter meeting, a great kick off event. Find more information and register now at <https://www.fidelisonline.org/inspiretn>.

Join Fidelis as a parent or adult volunteer

1. Email cristinaeortiz@msn.com to be added to the list. Megan Holliday will contact you to complete steps required by the diocese to work with children in the parish.
2. Attend mentor weekly meetings to familiarize yourself with the program and fellow volunteers. Meetings are Tuesdays at the Ortiz residence from 6.00 - 8.00 pm and include dinner, prayer, social time, and program study. Attending all spring meetings are not essential, but it is important to get to know both the program and the women who will be working along side you. It also creates a routine for the fall and gives you an opportunity to share ideas for the program.
3. Attend training day on 6 April. We will have a regional Fidelis representative in town training all volunteers. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 11.00 am with lunch, chat time, and instruction and ends with Vigil Mass at St Mary's at 5.00 pm.
4. Register with the national Fidelis office in May.

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

Please pray for our parish missionary serving with



Elise Devine

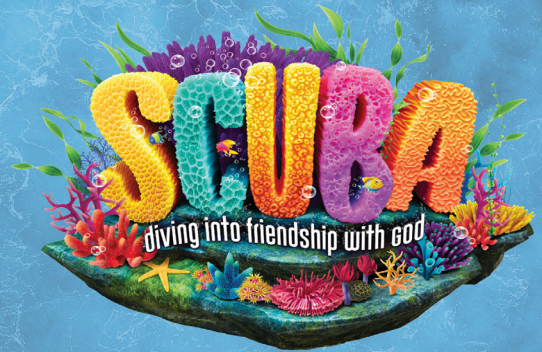


NET Team 5

SAVE THE DATE

for

Vacation Bible School!



**10 - 14 June
(Monday - Friday)**

Registration opens in March

St Mary's School Job Opening



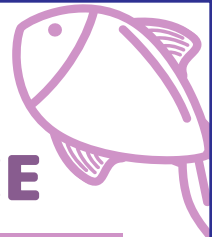
St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a **full-time kindergarten teacher** for the 2024-2025 school year. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced, very organized, passionate for elementary education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum, 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@smcgv1.org.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting	Abstinence
Ash Wednesday Good Friday	Every Friday during Lent
Ages 18-59	Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



please join saint mary's
schola cantorum in singing

solemn vespers

sundays during lent
5.00 pm

18 february

25 february

3 march

10 march

17 march

24 march



prayer ✦ plainchant ✦ polyphony



St Mary's Religious Education



1st Communion Retreat this Week
Sunday, 25 February 10:15 (after 9:00 am Mass)

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@smcgv1.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@smcgv1.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.whalen@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.



Givers of His Love
Ministry & Outreach Programs
Catholic Charities of SC
\$2,350,000

Servants of His People
Vocations, Seminarians & Priest Retirement
\$975,000

Teachers of His Children
Youth & Young Adult Ministry
College Campus Ministry
Catholic Schools
\$1,675,000

2024 GOAL
\$5,000,000

Make your gift today!

Last weekend, our parish conducted Pledge Sunday for the **2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. Thank you to all who have already made the commitment to support this year's Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity yet, it's not too late to make your commitment! Please use the **donation form below** to make your contribution or **scan the QR code** to visit and pledge securely online!



Make checks payable to:
Catholic Appeal of
South Carolina

Mail to:
P.O. Box 31257
Charleston, SC 29417

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First Name **Last Name**

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Address **City** **State** **Zip**

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Signature **Date**

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Parish

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Pledge:	\$ _____	Balance:	\$ _____
Down Payment:	\$ _____	Balance to be paid over _____ months.	
Please complete pledges by December 2024!			

Our Lady's Pantry Volunteers Needed



Catholic Charities' Our Lady's Food Pantry is a client choice food pantry (2300 Old Buncombe Rd, Greenville) open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

from 9.00 am - 1.00 pm. Over the past few months, we've been seeing double the clientele.

We need volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Assist clients with intake forms
- Assist clients with food shopping
- Stocking shelves
- Data entry onsite
- Food delivery assistance (Monthly on Mondays)

We also provide clothing items and need volunteers to assist clients with clothing selections.

Please consider volunteering weekly, biweekly, or monthly anytime on Monday - Thursday between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm. If interested in volunteering, contact lisa.woodard@charlestondiocese.org.

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.

Read and Understand the Bible
with *The Bible in a Year* Podcast
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!



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—Ignacio G.

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PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"You who fear the Lord, praise him!" ~Ps 22:23

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 12am* & 8 am
- Thursday 12 am* & 1 am
- Friday 12 pm
- Saturday 12 pm & 8 pm*



www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MensRetreat

Family Honor Retreats



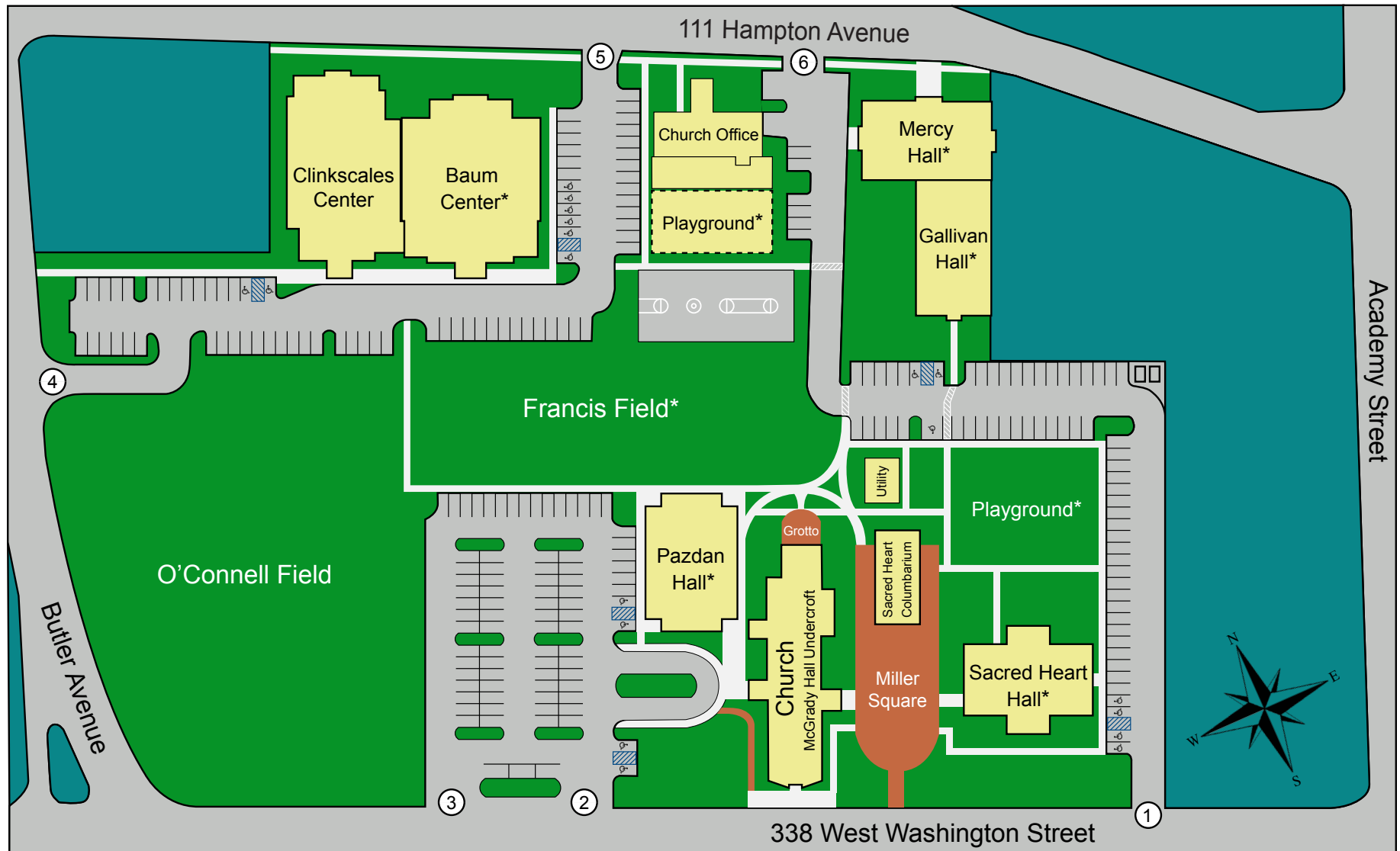
Do you need help in talking to your child about purity, love, dating, and other important topics in a way that is relaxed and fun, and where you can spend time with other families who share your values? Register

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-programs-near-me/> for more information and registration. Contact info@familyhonor.org or 803.929.0858 with questions.

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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