



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

10 March 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The first principle of Evangelical Catholicism says that “the Lord Jesus is the crucified and risen Savior of all mankind, and no human person can fully understand his life or find his dignity and destiny apart from an authentic friendship with the Lord Jesus. It is not enough to know who Jesus is; we must know Jesus.” This last distinction is crucial for a life of genuine discipleship. It is possible to know who Jesus is without ever really knowing Jesus, and those who merely know who he is cannot be participants in Christian faith and life; they are spectators only. But how do we come to know him? How can we have an authentic friendship with the Lord Jesus?

The Savior himself gives us the answer to these questions in his teaching recorded in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John. The scene is the Upper Room at the Last Supper, a setting which gives special urgency to the words of the Lord Jesus: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told everything that I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.” (John 15.9-16)

The Lord Jesus calls us his friends because he has told us everything given to him by his Father. This is the supernatural gift of divine revelation – the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe. When we receive this sacred teaching with the obedience of faith, then we are strengthened by grace to love one another in the truth and to keep the commandments, not as an effort to earn a place in God’s kingdom but as a consequence of our having been made a new creation by the grace of Baptism, a grace that is renewed every time we go to Confession and worthily receive the Most Holy Eucharist.

As with any friendship, our friendship with Christ deepens over time as we come to know the Holy Scriptures more thoroughly, as we learn to pray more devoutly, as we seek to serve those in need with greater charity, as we acquire a Christian view of the world more completely, and as we surrender ourselves in love to Christ and his Church with greater conviction. During these 40 Days, as we prepare to renew the promises of our Baptism when we celebrate the Passover of the Lord, this deepening of our friendship with the Lord Jesus should be our constant goal and guide, and that, in turn, prepares us to fulfill the eighth principle of Evangelical Catholicism: “All the baptized are sent in the Great Commission to be witnesses of Christ to others and must be equipped by the Church to teach the Gospel in word and deed. An essential dimension of true discipleship is the willingness to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and the readiness to explain his Gospel.”

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 10 March

7.30 am	* Richard Lorenzo
9.00 am	Felicity Elster
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

### Monday 11 March

7.00 am	* Ann Braylo
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### Tuesday 12 March

7.00 am	* Manuel Jose Soto
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### Wednesday 13 March

7.00 am	* Dan Hazlett
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### Thursday 14 March

7.00 am	* Gary Burgess
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### Friday 15 March

7.00 am	* Nancy Peddicord
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### Saturday 16 March

5.00 pm	* Leo D'Souza
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## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 10 March

<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (G)
5.00 pm	Solemn Vespers (church)

### Monday 11 March

6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
6.30 pm	Baptism Class

### Tuesday 12 March

10.00 am	SMCCW Meeting
6.30 pm	KofC Meeting (M)

### Wednesday 13 March

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 14 March

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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### Friday 15 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 16 March

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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## Financial Report

### Weekend of 2/3 March

Needed	38,900
Received	41,312
Surplus	+ 2,412

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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,400,400
Received	1,449,252
Surplus	+ 48,852

**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@smcgv.org](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgv.org).

## 2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	159,709
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Still to Go	840,291
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## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 2/3 March

5.00 pm	370
7.30 am	315
9.00 am	414
11.00 am	343
1.00 pm	507

Total	1,949
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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.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: William & Esther Dawes, Paul Hines, Mike & Beth Demos, Ryan Woodring, Lindsey Klaus.

## Daily Mass Readings

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

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 9/10 March

Bishop's Annual Appeal  
Catholic Relief Services  
Support of the Parish

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



## Time Change Reminder



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday 10 March. Remember to *spring* your clocks forward 1 hour.

## 2023 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at [jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org](mailto: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.**

## Nationwide Mass Times

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

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 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.

**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](mailto: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 is 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@smcgv1.org](mailto:arlen.clarke@smcgv1.org)



ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

March

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

ROSARY 10:10 AM MEETING 10:30 AM  
SACRED HEART HALL

Our speaker this month is  
Deacon John Heuser who will be presenting  
*A Brief History of St. Mary's.*

Our Lady's Food Pantry Donation: canned  
vegetables and/or feminine hygiene products.

Lunch will be served.

*All women of the parish are cordially invited.*

For more information contact:  
Lori Grant, SMCCW President 864.844.4049 call or text  
blessedmom864@gmail.com

## REGISTER FOR VBS

10 - 14 June  
(Monday - Friday)



**Child Participant Registration**  
(upcoming school year ages K5-Grade 5)

**Student Volunteer Registration**  
(upcoming school year Grade 6-12)

**Adult Volunteer Registration**

<https://vbspro.events/p/smc-greenville>

### St Mary's School Job Opening



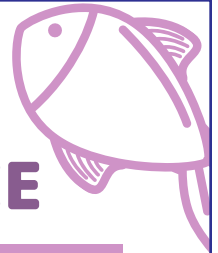
St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a **full-time kindergarten teacher** for the 2024-2025 school year. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced, very organized, passionate for elementary education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum,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

## LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



### Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

### Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

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 [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org).



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please join saint mary's  
schola cantorum in singing

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# solemn vespers

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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



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

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

**Parents Class this week 13 March**

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.





Please contact Jessica Thrall at [jthrall@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jthrall@charlestdiocese.org) if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs.

Visit our website here! 



### Our Lady's Pantry Donations Needed



Catholic Charities' Our Lady's Food Pantry needs food pantry and hygiene items, especially the following items:

- ◆ Grains - cereal, oatmeal, flour, pasta
- ◆ Canned goods - fruit, corn, green beans, diced tomato, tuna
- ◆ Hygiene - toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion

Donated items may be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. If you have any questions or need to arrange for a different drop off time, please contact [lisa.woodard@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:lisa.woodard@charlestdiocese.org).

### 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 *Changes & Challenges* program from 22-23 March (for parents with your 5th or 6th grader) 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](mailto:info@familyhonor.org) or 803.929.0858 with questions.

## PERPETUAL Eucharistic 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](mailto: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  
Wednesday 8 pm  
Thursday 12 am\* & 1 am  
Friday 3 am\* & 12 pm  
Saturday 12 pm & 8 pm\*

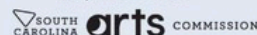


### The 300th Anniversary of the St. John Passion

-  **Saturday, March 23 4:00 PM**  
Episcopal Church of the Advent  
141 Advent St, Spartanburg, SC 29302
-  **Sunday, March 24 4:00 PM**  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2310 Augusta St, Greenville, SC 29605

For more information on this free event, please visit:

[www.scbach.org](http://www.scbach.org)



### 40 Days for Life

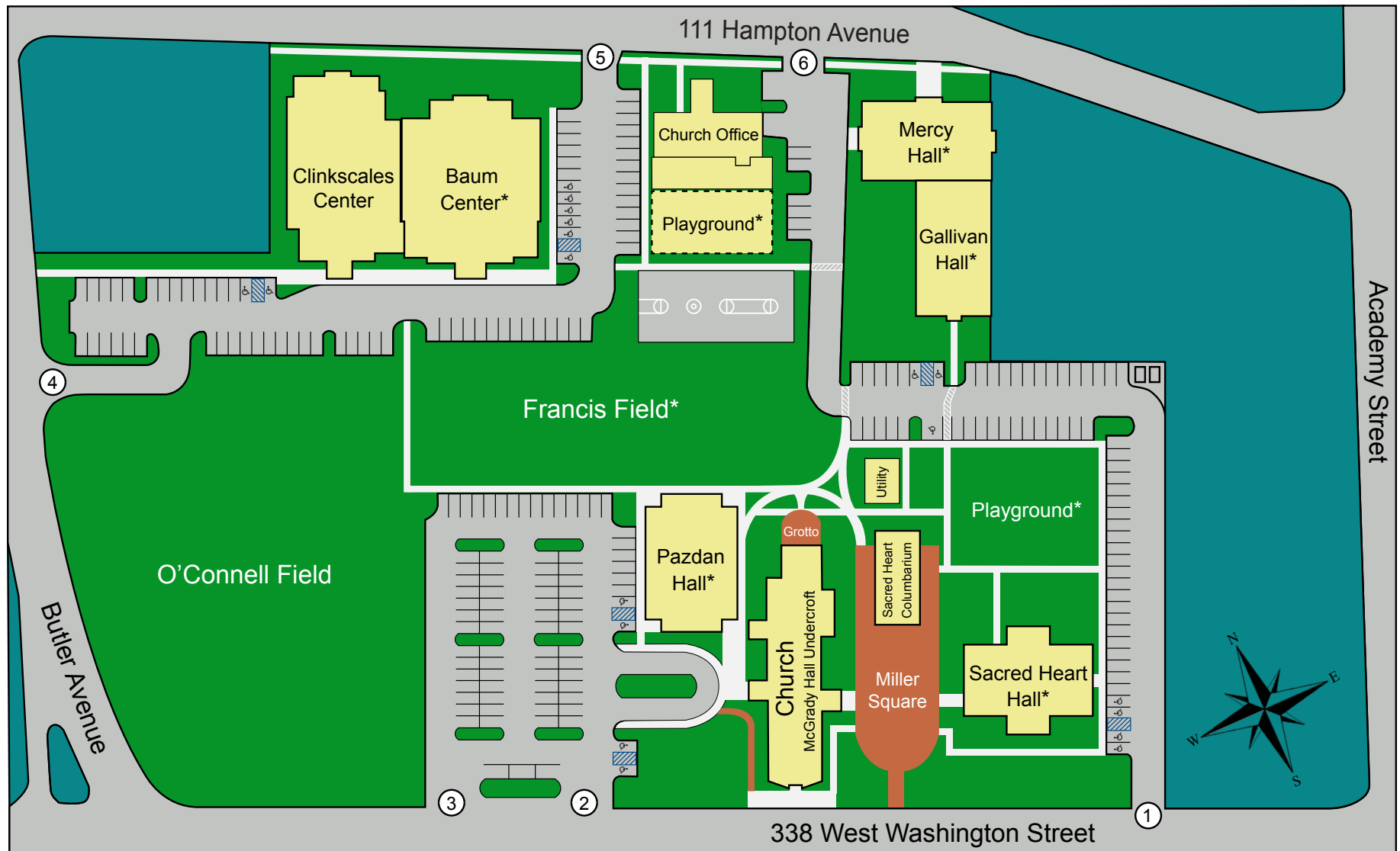


40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. You are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign from 14 February through 24 March. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> to sign up for local events. Contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid at 864.329.0044 with questions.

## 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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