



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

21 April 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Scripture readings and Mass prayers appointed for this day in the sacred liturgy. Today's Communion Antiphon, for example, proclaims that "The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia." The Latin word for shepherd is pastor, and this reveals why the Church asks us to pray for more priests on Good Shepherd Sunday. The call to the priesthood comes from God, and the Lord has promised always to provide shepherds for his people. Through the Prophet Jeremiah, the Lord promised Israel: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart." (Jeremiah 3.15) But he also asks us to seek the gift of pastors in prayer: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9.37-38)

In Africa, in South America, and in Oceania, the number of young men offering themselves for priestly formation is on the rise, in some cases a dramatic rise. As you know already, however, this is not the case in Europe and in North America - the "developed" world - and the disparity points to one of the chief difficulties for the young men among us who are being called today: sometimes the call is not heard because of the noise in which we live. This cultural noise takes many shapes (e.g. desire for a lucrative career, fear of loneliness, the presence of so many options that making any choice is difficult, etc), but whatever the source of the noise, if the man being called never hears the call, we may assume he'll never find his place and purpose in life.

The priesthood is not a life for extraordinary men; it is an ordinary Christian way of life for ordinary Christian men. But the key to hearing and answering the call is that the man must understand what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus. The radical thing is not forsaking marriage and giving one's life to the Church; the radical thing is being baptized and giving one's life to Jesus Christ, knowing that this means following him in the Way of the Cross. When young men grow up in a vibrant Christian community in which the truth of the Catholic faith is a cause for rejoicing and the beauty of the sacred liturgy is lived day in and day out as the source and summit of the Christian life, then those who are being called will have no difficulty hearing the summons of the Savior to serve his flock as priests, as shepherds, as pastors.

Finally, for a man to know that he is called to the priesthood it is not necessary to search the heavens for mysterious signs of some inscrutable divine plan. There are really only three basic questions to be answered: 1) Do I want to be a priest? 2) Am I willing to sacrifice what must be sacrificed to be a priest? and 3) Do I have all the gifts of nature and grace needed to be a priest? Only the man can answer the first two questions, and only the Church can answer the third.

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 21 April

7.30 am \* Robert Smith  
 9.00 am Gabriel Elster  
 11.00 am Pro populo  
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 22 April

7.00 am Manuel Gomes

### Tuesday 23 April

7.00 am Anna Krauter

### Wednesday 24 April

7.00 am Lindsay Krauter

### Thursday 25 April

7.00 am Matthew & Theresa  
 Gevaert

### Friday 26 April

7.00 am Maria Ruiz

### Saturday 27 April

5.00 pm Preston Aleshire

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 21 April

Our Lady's Pantry Food Drive (parking lot)  
 KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P)  
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass  
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)  
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)  
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

### Monday 22 April

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

### Tuesday 23 April

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

### Wednesday 24 April

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

### Thursday 25 April

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 26 April

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 27 April

2.00 pm SMCCW Tea (G)  
 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)  
 6.00 pm Spring Book Fair (G)

G - Gallivan Hall  
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall  
 C - Clinkscapes  
 Family Center

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 13/14 April

Needed 38,900  
 Received 40,012  
 Surplus + 1,112

Poor Box 1,481

### Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,633,800  
 Received 1,687,192  
 Surplus + 53,392

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org).

## 2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal 1,000,000

Donations Received 253,982

Still to Go 746,018

## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 13/14 April

5.00 pm 355  
 7.30 am 370  
 9.00 am 509  
 11.00 am 454  
 1.00 pm 526

Total 2,214

## 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.

## VBS Volunteers Needed



We are still looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School from 10-14 June (Monday - Friday). If interested, sign up at <https://vbspro.events/p/smc-greenville>. Please contact Linda Jackson at [linda.jackson@smcgv1.org](mailto:linda.jackson@smcgv1.org) or 864.679.4110 with questions.

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

### Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesdays 23 & 30 April from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or [judyh75@att.net](mailto:judyh75@att.net) for details.

## Monthly Parish Breakfast



**All are welcome to join us for breakfast!** This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 21 April**. For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our

breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes.

Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email [jpaluszak@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpaluszak@bellsouth.net) for more information.

# PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 20/21 April

Bishop's Annual Appeal  
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: Blanchard Sanchez, Carolyn Meador, Joseph & Alexandra Novak, Robert & Carole Rinkowski, Kenneth & Courtney Shockley, Justin & Emily Adelman, Jeffrey & Nani Steitz.

## Congratulations to

Mary-Kate Monette Nelson & Lukas River Edwards who were baptized last weekend.

Rivers Cape & Cecilia Probst who were married last weekend.



Knights of Columbus  
**CHARITIES**  
*United in Charity.*



Knights of Columbus Council #13112 invites you to participate in a food drive in service of

## Our Lady's Pantry

Drop off before Masses on  
Saturday & Sunday 20-21 April

### Suggested Donations based on current needs

#### FOOD

#### BABY NEEDS

**\*\*current biggest needs**

**BABY FORMULA**

**CANNED**

**VEGETABLES**

**BABY FOOD**

**CANNED FRUITS**

**DIAPERS -  
sizes 3,4,5**

**CEREAL**

**PASTA**

**BABY WIPES**

**PEANUT BUTTER**

**FLOUR**

**DIAPER RASH**

**COOKING OIL**

**OINTMENT**

### CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"I hope y'all realize just how important you are to all of us. You all give us a blessing and a reason to smile on days like this. God bless you."

**Our Lady's  
Pantry serves  
approximately  
300+ families  
a month!**



Drop off at Our Lady's Pantry  
blue box van in the church parking lot

Monetary donation checks can be made out to **Catholic Charities**. Please note **OLP Greenville** on the memo line.

## Spring Book Fair

The spring book fair will be open in Gallivan Hall during the weekend of 27-28 April after all English Masses and parish families are encouraged to come browse and purchase books at the fair to support our school. Visit <https://i55bookfairs.com> to learn more about our new book fair vendor!

### St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

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.

#### **Teaching Assistants in multiple elementary grade levels**

The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at [principal@smcgv.org](mailto:principal@smcgv.org).

### 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](mailto:arlen.clarke@smcgv.org)

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

"As cradle Catholics, we hear Scripture at Mass and occasionally in self study but never like this. *The Bible in a Year* brings it all together."  
—Ignacio G.

Join over 1 million Catholics  
listening to this podcast!

### Listen free on the Ascension App!

Scan this QR code with your phone  
to download the Ascension App — the best  
place to listen to *The Bible in a Year*.



Please pray for our parish  
missionary serving with

**NET MINISTRIES**  
[www.netusa.org](http://www.netusa.org)



Elise Devine



NET Team 5

SMCCW cordially invites all women of St. Mary's to join us at our Spring Luncheon

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

# Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 14 11:30 AM - 2 PM

The Poinsett Club 807 E. Washington St.

**Deadline to Register: Tuesday, May 7**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SMCCW Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lunches: A \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_ x \$27 = \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_ x \$24 = \_\_\_\_\_

SMCCW 2024-25 Membership Fee (optional)

\$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_ with check\* payable to SMCCW **-OR-**

by electronic payment. Please see back for QR code with added convenience fee.

\*Mail this form & check to: SMCCW, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

Contact: Karoline O'Rourke karolineorourke@gmail.com

## SMCCW Spring Luncheon Menu



### Choice A - \$30\*

**Chicken Crepes** - Tender braised chicken with garden vegetables wrapped in a French crepe topped with champagne cream sauce served with a side of asparagus.

### Choice B - \$27\*

**Chicken Picatta** - Sautéed chicken breast with a lemon caper butter sauce, mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus.

### Choice C - \$24\*

**All-American Salad (Vegetarian)** - Mixed greens, strawberries, Mandarin oranges, candied pecans, dried cranberries and blue cheese crumbles with a balsamic vinaigrette.

**Cookies, Coffee and Iced Tea Included**

**Wine \$7/glass**

The Poinsett Club Dress Code: Jackets for men, no jeans.

\*Taxes & Gratuities Included

**Yes!** I would like to electronically renew my SMCCW membership today. Scan QR Code below to pay 2024-25 membership fee of \$20 plus convenience fee.





# St Mary's Religious Education



## 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](mailto:linda.jackson@smcgvl.org) or 864.679.4110**

## Adult Christian Formation

### An Introduction to Catholicism

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. **It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings.** All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.

Class begins in September. Registration for the 2024 - 2025 class will open in July. Visit <https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> to learn more.

## 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 17 June 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@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:jthrall@charlestondiocese.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@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:lisa.woodard@charlestondiocese.org).

### ARISE! Southeast Women's Retreat



Join us for the 2024 ARISE! women's retreat *Spiritual Warfare, Securing a Battle Plan with a Winning Strategy* 26-28 April at the Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center in Maggie Valley, NC.

The retreat includes daily opportunities for Mass, confession, adoration. Keynote speaker is Fr Glenn Sudano, CFR, co-founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and exorcist for the Archdiocese of Newark. Cost is \$250 for overnight guests (meals and lodging) or \$85 for Saturday only commuters. Register at <https://forms.gle/7WEH3ZReBJoXJzdSA>. Contact director Sarah Hankes at 770.906.8783 or [sewomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:sewomensretreat@gmail.com) with questions.

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

*"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" ~Psalms 118:1*

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\* & 7 am  
Friday 3 am\* & 12 pm  
Saturday 2 pm\* & 8 pm



Catholic Radio in South Carolina  
WCKI 1300 AM

For programming information, visit <https://catholicradioinasc.com>



*The Simply Love Italian Pilgrimage*  
*The Peaks, Valleys, and Fruits of Marriage*

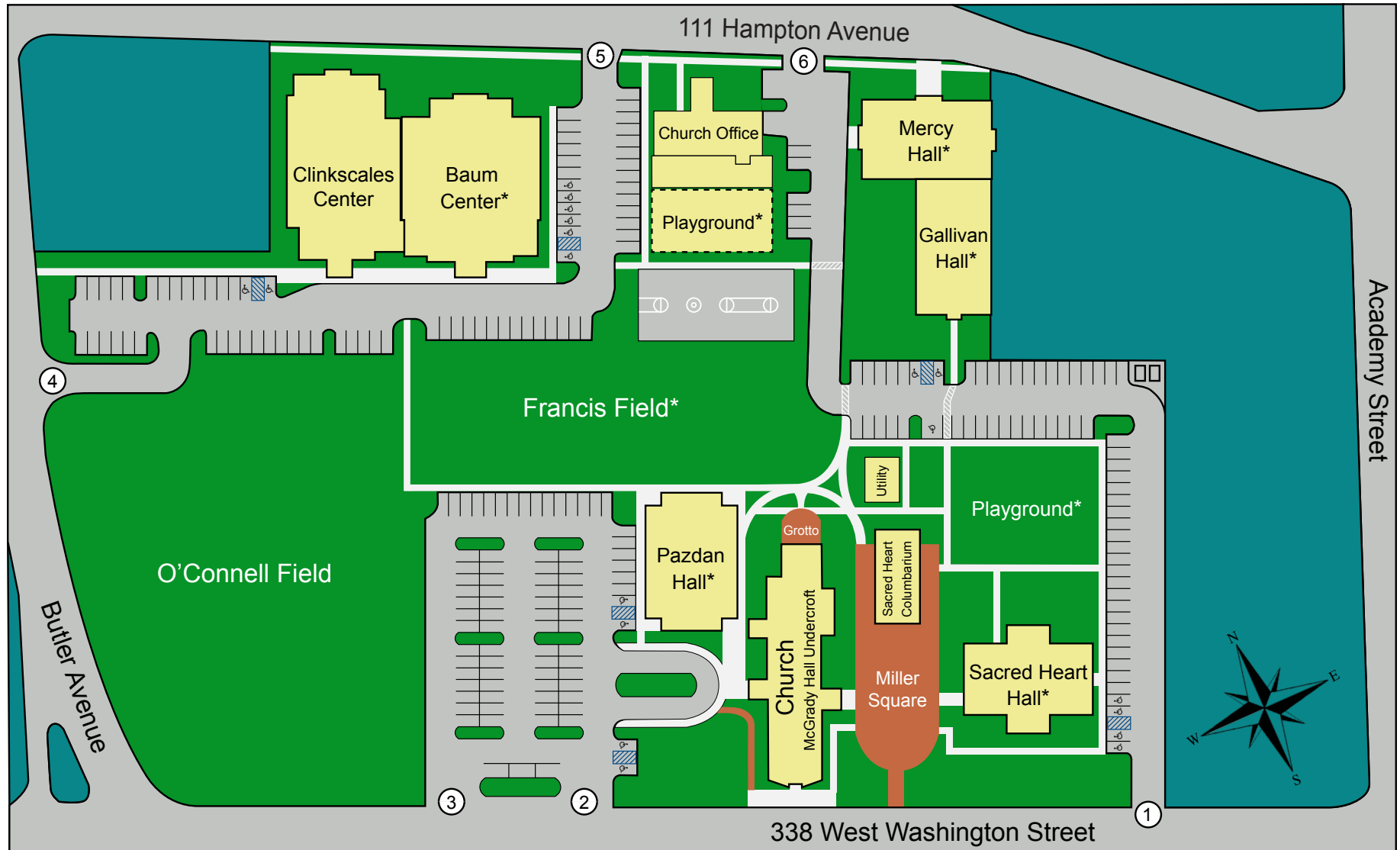
with Kathleen and Troy Billings  
and Father John Michael Paul, CSJ  
12 Days October 21-November 1, 2024

For More Information Contact:  
Ellen Holmes Steeves-LeBlanc  
910-370-0058 [aplacex2bpresent@gmail.com](mailto:aplacex2bpresent@gmail.com)  
Select International Tours  
800-842-4842 [mirela@selectintl.com](mailto:mirela@selectintl.com)  
[selectinternationaltours.com](https://selectinternationaltours.com)

# 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

Father Jay Scott Newman  
Pastor of St Mary's Church  
Diocesan Chancellor  
Dean of Greenville  
pastor@smcgv1.org

Father Orlando Cheverría  
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's Church  
Priest of San Sebastian  
jcheverria-jimenez@charlestdiocese.org

Father Will Frei  
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's Church  
and San Sebastian  
wfrei@charlestdiocese.org

Father Jonathan Duncan  
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's Church  
Bon Secours Director of Spiritual Care  
fatherduncan@smcgv1.org

Father Bartholomew Leon  
Pastor of St Rafka Church  
Assisting Priest at St Mary's Church  
bleon@charlestdiocese.org

### Permanent Deacons

Deacon Diego Ferro  
Director of Hispanic Ministries  
diego.ferro@smcgv1.org

Deacon Joe Sanfilippo  
Pastoral Associate  
joe.sanfilippo@smcgv1.org

Deacon Alex Garvey  
Bon Secours Mercy Health Ministries  
alex.garvey@smcgv1.org

Deacon George Tierney  
Deacon Scheduling  
george.tierney@smcgv1.org

Deacon John Heuser  
Director of Social Ministries  
john.heuser@smcgv1.org

Deacon Tom Whalen  
Spiritual Direction & Communion Ministers  
thomas.whelen@smcgv1.org

### Staff

Jennifer Anderson  
Director of Finance & HR  
jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org

Linda Jackson  
Director of Catechesis  
linda.jackson@smcgv1.org

Arlen Clarke  
Choirmaster  
arlen.clarke@smcgv1.org

Chris Ortiz  
Director of Youth Ministry  
chris.ortiz@smcgv1.org

Emily Cortes  
Organist  
emily.cortes@smcgv1.org

Pat Perkins  
Director of Administration  
pat.perkins@smcgv1.org

Jenni Dillard  
eBulletin Editor  
jenni.dillard@smcgv1.org

Sarah Perkins  
Assistant to the Pastor  
sarah.perkins@smcgv1.org

Jaime Escobar  
Director of Facilities  
jaime.escobar@smcgv1.org

Steven Zimmerman  
Principal of St Mary's School  
principal@smcgv1.org