

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

9 June 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

We rejoice today in the priestly consecrations of Father Peter O'Steen and Father Erik Roman, both ordained last Friday for the Diocese of Charleston. They will soon begin their first assignments, respectively, at Saint Joseph's Church and Saint Peter's Church in Columbia, and our diocese is also blessed to have four newly ordained transitional deacons who will become priests about this time next year.

But even as we rejoice in these blessings, we must admit that in the Church today the priesthood is regarded by not a few as an anachronism or as a freakish waste of a man's life. And even among those who are grateful for the ministry of priests, too many think of the priesthood as a rare gift given only to rare men. But my friends, the priesthood is not an extraordinary life for extraordinary men; it is, rather, an ordinary Christian life for ordinary Christian men. What is extraordinary is being a Christian at all.

"The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." From the beginning of his public ministry until now, the Lord Jesus has continually called the entire human race to the obedience of faith and to the freedom of the children of God by being born again in Holy Baptism. Through water and the Holy Spirit the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love are poured into us, bringing the grace of adoption and justification and equipping us for a life of virtue and authentic interior freedom in which by cooperating with God's grace we are capable of the good works of sanctification which lead to the glory of the new creation. When the radical demands of Holy Baptism have once been grasped, then every Christian way of life takes its proper place in the Church for all Christians, including marriage, religious life, and the sacred priesthood.

It is sometimes said that there is a shortage of vocations in the Church, but if so, that is because there are too few Catholics who understand and accept the cost of discipleship. And that is why there are both too few priests and too few husbands and wives who are open to the gift of children. The remedy for this shortage, of course, is the spreading of the life-changing conviction that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe, and that conviction spreads only when the Gospel is proclaimed in season and out by those who are both teachers and witnesses. And the strength to be both teacher and witness comes only from the grace of God given to us in Christ Jesus, crucified and Risen.

May Father O'Steen and Father Roman become powerful instruments of God's grace by being effective witnesses to the truth of the Gospel who inspire others to follow Christ in the Way of the Cross, surrender their entire lives in the obedience of faith to the Word made flesh, and dedicate themselves to radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 9 June

7.30 am
9.00 am
11.00 am
Pro populo
Spanish Mass

* Br Phillip Vorlick, CFC
Nielsen Family
Pro populo
Spanish Mass

Sunday 9 June

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Monday 10 June

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7.00 am Elizabeth Whitmore 6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 11 June

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7.00 am Karen Gallant 6.30 pm KofC Meeting (M)

Wednesday 12 June

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7.00 am

♣ Joseph John Courchaine

Wednesday 12 June

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

Thursday 13 June

♣ Mr & Mrs James

Mooney Sr

Thursday 13 June

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 14 June

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7.00 am Beatrice Semon Parish Office Closes at Noon

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 15 June

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5.00 pm ★ Armaly/Van Voris Family

12.00 pm Senior Fellowship Luncheon

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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

Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 1/2 June

 Needed
 38,900

 Received
 40,688

 Surplus
 + 1,788

Poor Box 714

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,906,100 Received 1,958,844 Surplus + 52,744

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal 1,000,000

Donations

Received 344,254

Still to Go 655,746

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 1/2 June

5.00 pm	436
7.30 am	305
9.00 am	332
11.00 am	337
1.00 pm	472
Total	1,882

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, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Betty Jo Brown.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 15 June at 12.00 noon



Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our sandwiches and salad Summer Luncheon. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 with questions.

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. 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. If 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.

Welcome Newcomers

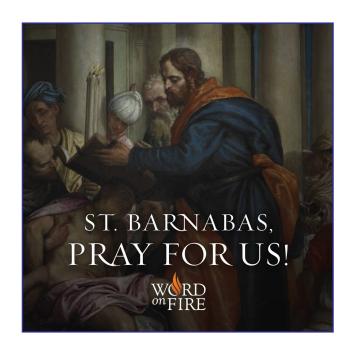
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Justin State, Russell Kelly, Anna Carrano, Craig & Elizabeth Melchiano.

Parish News

Collection for 8/9 June

Support of the Parish

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



Church Office Summer Hours 31 May through 16 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm Friday 9 am - 12 noon

Nationwide Mass Times

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

Fidelis at St Mary's

Our Fidelis chapter registration is now open! https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/find/ scstmarysgreenville

Fidelis Inspire Summer Camp

Inspire is the name of the annual adventure retreat where Fidelis Sisters gather from around the country to grow closer to God and each other, through high adventure activities and spiritual reflection and renewal in the mountains of East Tennessee. Any woman or young lady entering grade 6 or above in 2024/2025, including Fidelis Sisters and their mothers, Fraternus sisters, daughters or mothers, and prospective Fidelis Groups. Visit https://www.fidelisonline.org/inspiretn

Please email cristinaeortiz@msn.com for more information about Fidelis or with questions.



FIDELIS FORMS GIRLS

heart, mind, body soul — into virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women.



Paratum cor meum Deus Paratum cor meum. MY HEART IS READY, O GOD. MY HEART IS READY.

Why Fidelis?

MULTIGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

make for a unique faith formation environment, allowing women of all ages to come together as sisters in Christ

ONGOING FORMATION

equips mentors with the knowledge and spiritual guidance necessary to first seek God and then lead others closer to Him.

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

with the national organization builds a wider sisterhood of disciples and allows chapter volunteers to receive the help they need to thrive.



CONTACT US

- www.fidelisonline.org
- info@fidelisonline.org
- @fidelissisterhood
- Fidelisonline.org



Our Pillars

The three pillars of Fidelis work together as powerful tools for personal and spiritual growth. They help us to encounter God through Church teaching as wel as in the hearts of the women in the Fidelis sisterhood.

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Fidelis not only helped my daughters grow in the faith and live moral lives, but kept them in the Church.



Sisters to Saints

SISTERHOO

We learn to love as Christ loves and experience true community among women who desire to live faithful lives.

IRTHE

We practice and cultivate habits that help to lead a morally good life while also cooperating with God's grace and his abundant gifts of faith, hope, and charity.

MENTORSHIP

We receive guidance and accompaniment on this journey and remain open to the wisdom and life experiences shared by older Catholic women.



Please pray for our parish missionary serving with NET MINISTRIES* www.netusa.org



Elise Devine



NET Team 5



For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com

There is a certain poetry in singing.

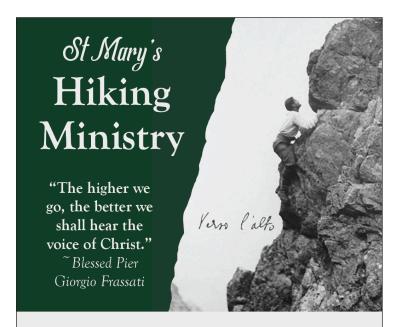
Oft times we sing with voice stentorian, Or shape a sound phantasmagorian:

> 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



After a four year hiatus, St Mary's Hiking Ministry is starting up again. This ministry is open to all parishioners. Our primary outings will be hiking in the beautiful mountains of the Upstate and Western North Carolina, but will periodically include river rafting, tubing, snow skiing and other adventures. Some of our hikes will be family friendly, others will be more extreme (think climbing up Mount Mitchell).

Our patron is Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a beautiful example of one who not only believed, but also lived out his faith in every aspect of his life by seeking first the Kingdom of God in all things. <u>Our first hike will be</u> Saturday 15 June at DuPont State Forest.

For more information or to participate and receive notifications of upcoming events, contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgvl.org.

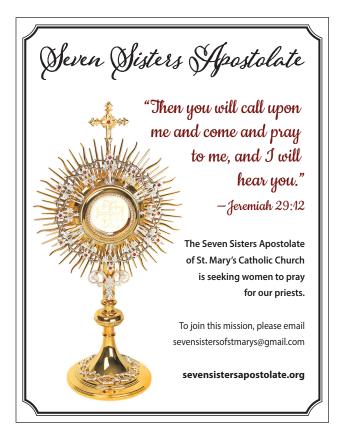
Daily Mass Readings

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

School Office Summer Hours 10 June through 2 August

Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open 864.271.3870.



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*.







St Mary's Religious Education



Registration for 2024-25 will open in August

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes meet on Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass

For More Information Contact Linda Jackson 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 Wednesday 4 September. Registration will open in July on the parish website.

Please visit https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/ to learn more.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.org for more information on becoming a Catholic.

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 17 June 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.



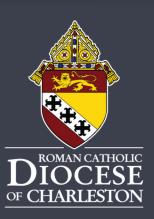
A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or orders, of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, priests, and deacons.

Deacons are ordained for a ministry of service, which they carry out under the authority of the Bishop. All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Altar, and Charity.



PERMANENT DIACONATE

ARE YOU CALLED PROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON



Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served."

THE DIACONATE IS A VOCATION OF LIFE-LONG SERVICE OF WORD, LITURGY AND CHARITY. THE DEACON IS TO EXTEND THE SACRA-MENTAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST'S SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH AND INTO THE SECULAR WORLD.

THE WORD

Proclaim the Gospel and Preach • Teach the Catholic Faith • Evangelize Believers and Unbelievers

THE ALTAR

Assist Bishops and Priests at the Liturgy • Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion • Administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, Preside at Wake Services and Rites of Burial • Preside at Devotional Services

CHARITY

Perform Charitable, Administrative, and Social Welfare Duties • Visit the Sick, Feed the Hungry • Minister to the Imprisoned • Minister to the Bereaved



- New classes form every two years
- Discernment and formation lasts 5 ½ years
- Undergraduate Certificate or Master's in Theology awarded
- Monthly in-person class in Columbia
- Catholic men must be aged 30-60 at time of application to be eligible to apply

For information on exploring a vocation as a deacon in the Diocese of Charleston: charlestondiocese.org/diaconate. Email Deacon Brian Justice, Director of Formation: bjustice@charlestondiocese.org.





Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestondiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs.





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.



${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

Prince of Peace

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):</u>

Sunday 12 am*
Monday 6 am
Tuesday 4 pm
Friday 12 pm
Saturday 2 pm* & 8 pm

Organ Concert

Benjamin Phillips, OLR Organist and Choirmaster, will present an organ concert on Tuesday 18 June at 7.00 pm in Upper Church at Our Lady of the Rosary (3710 Augusta Road). The program includes works by Bach, Brunckhorst, Guilmant, Richter, and Widor. This concert is free and open to the public.

Women's Vocation Camps

Duc In Altum The Diocese of Charlotte's Duc In Altum discernment camp and retreat for young women aged 16-19 will be 26-30 June. The five-day part summer camp, part retreat focuses on forming young women in authentic femininity after the role model of Mary. Through talks and time spent in prayer and worship, the hope is that young women will open their hearts to responding to vocations as wives and mothers, consecrated religious or consecrated lay faithful.

Talitha Koum is a daylong retreat at Belmont Abbey College for young women ages 12-15 to grow in their relationship with Jesus and Mary and to spend time having fun with each other. Think of it as a "mini" Duc in Altum. Its name is inspired by Our Lord's words to Jairus' daughter: "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (Mark 5:41 RSVCE). It is the hope that those who attend will be inspired by Our Lady's desire to do the will of God and will open their hearts to do the same. Register to both camps by 12 June at https://charlottediocese.org/vocations/woman-religious/duc-in-altum/

Not liberal. Not conservative.

Simply Catholic.

Catholic citizenship & your vote

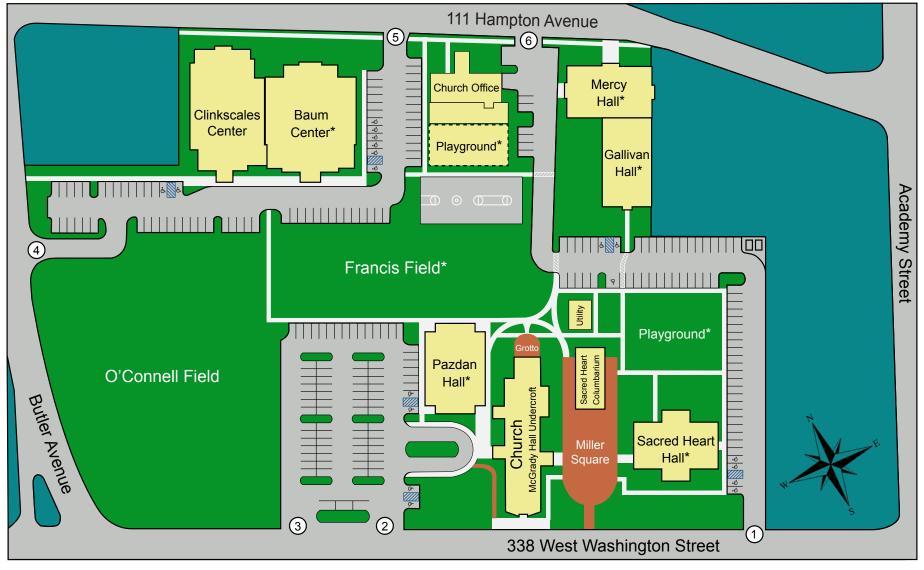
We have a dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens. As Catholics, our baptismal commitment to bear public witness to the values of Jesus Christ requires our active participation in the democratic life of our nation. As Americans, we have a serious moral obligation to vote. This brief insert is intended as a starting point to help us respond to our choices in the current political landscape.

There are many issues before us \star \star \star \star	
The Right to Life and Dignity of the Human Person	Innocent human life is destroyed by abortion, euthanasia, "fertility treatments" such as in-vitro fertilization, experimentation using stem cells from human embryos, and cloning to manufacture human body parts. Catholic teaching about the sanctity of human life also leads us to oppose the death penalty, genocide, torture, unjust wars, and economic policies that ignore the needs of the poor and vulnerable.
Call to Family, Community, and Participation	The family, which emerges from marriage between a man and a woman, is the original and basic unit of society. Social and economic policies should work to strengthen the family rather than weaken it.
Rights and Responsibilities	Every human being has the right to life and to religious freedom. Everyone has a right to refuse to participate in actions contrary to one's religious beliefs and to share and defend one's creed and moral principles in the public forum. Everyone has the right and duty to participate fully in all aspects of life: political, social, cultural, and economic.
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable	We must have special concern and charity toward the unborn, persons with disabilities, the dying, refugees, long-term unemployed, prisoners, and all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond. Today, the situation of immigrant workers is especially urgent.
Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers	Economic justice includes the opportunity for dignified work at wages sufficient to support a family, workplace safety, and the right to take time for religious observances. Workers also have the duty to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.
Solidarity	Loving our neighbor has global dimensions and requires us to eradicate racism and address the extreme poverty and disease plaguing so much of the world. We are called to welcome the stranger among us, including immigrants seeking work, a safe home, education for their children, and a decent life for their families. We are called to promote peace and pursue justice.
Caring for God's Creation	As stewards, not owners, of the earth, people have an obligation to cherish and care for the environment. The earth yields forth many resources needed for human flourishing, especially energy and the capacity to produce food. These precious resources must be used prudently, fairly, safely, and with a constant concern for future generations.

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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