



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

16 June 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Because Saint Mary's Church is so close to the Greenville Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, the Triune Mercy Center, and Main Street, our campus is often visited by the homeless. The vast majority of these persons are men, they are usually on foot and traveling alone, and most of them are burdened by mental illness or substance addiction or both. They may stop you in the parking lot or on the sidewalk to ask for money, and in turn, many of you have asked me for advice on the best way to respond when you are approached for help. So, here are my suggestions based on many years of experience:

Do not ever give money directly to anyone for any reason. When the moment comes that we are faced with someone in obvious distress and who is asking for our assistance, our understandable instinct is to help with a few dollars. But please understand that while such a reaction may ease our minds, it is almost never in the best interest of the one who is asking for help. This is not only my advice; it is the same counsel offered by those who work with the homeless and poor every day, including the staff of our local charities. No matter what story we are told by the one asking for help, we should always assume that the money will be put to self-destructive purposes. In short, money does not help.

Do stop and speak to the person who has asked for help. Perhaps start by saying "Friend, I regret that I have nothing to give you right now," and then move on immediately to a conversation. Tell him your first name, ask him his name, and look him in the eye. If you can, listen to him for a few moments and make it clear that you are present to him as a human person, rather than fleeing from him as a simple nuisance. The folk who live on the street are often frightful to look at, but almost never do they constitute a threat to anyone. A kind word and a direct look in the eye can be a great gift to someone who lives utterly alone. And be willing to speak by name of the Lord Jesus and his love for us all.

Saint Mary's contributes to the care of the poor and homeless in many concrete ways through various local agencies and programs, and we are always available to direct the needy to the places where they can truly be assisted. Your contributions to the offertory and the poor boxes are already providing the assistance which is available to those in genuine need.

Finally, please understand that in most cases there is little or nothing that can be done on the spot to help people who are homeless because of mental illness or substance addiction. Very often these men have lived on the street for years or even decades, and until and unless they find a way to peace and sobriety, the fundamental problems cannot be addressed. As you continue to your destination, lift up this person to the Throne of Grace and commend him to the mercy of God.

Father Newman



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
**OF CHARLESTON**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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June 3, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Father's Day weekend, June 15-16, we will take up a second collection for our diocesan seminarians. We are fortunate to have a large incoming class, and this Seminarian Fund covers the cost for each man's education, lodging, food and other resources necessary to pursue his vocation.

The Seminarian Fund is vital to the formation of our future priests. Those who benefit from this collection are answering a call to serve God and his people. They are responding to the Lord in dedicating their lives to the Gospel and serving as spiritual leaders for our communities.

You are directly helping these young men from your local parish on their journey toward the priesthood by contributing to the collection. Your generosity allows them to focus on studies and development. Our seminarians are not just students: they are upcoming shepherds and leaders of our Church who will play crucial roles in guiding and bringing us closer to God through the sacraments.

It is our responsibility as the Catholic community of South Carolina to support and encourage vocations, especially due to the national priest shortage. We are blessed to have so many seminarians. Let us show support for those who have heard and answered God's call.

Your generosity is crucial for their journey and the future of our Church. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for each one of our seminarians.

In Christ's love,

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

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 16 June

#### Father's Day

7.30 am ✱ Edith Nigra  
 9.00 am ✱ Charles Surber  
 11.00 am Pro populo  
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 17 June

7.00 am Michael Mooney

### Tuesday 18 June

7.00 am ✱ Thomas Nielsen

### Wednesday 19 June

7.00 am ✱ Renato Vicario

### Thursday 20 June

7.00 am ✱ Richard Stephens

### Friday 21 June

7.00 am ✱ Francine Munkacsy

### Saturday 22 June

5.00 pm Genevieve Smith  
& Family

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 16 June

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 Masses (P)  
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

### Monday 17 June

6.30 pm Baptism Class  
 6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

### Tuesday 18 June

### Wednesday 19 June

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &  
 Confessions (church)

### Thursday 20 June

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 21 June

#### 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 22 June

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 8/9 June

Needed	38,900
Received	37,994
Shortage	- 906

Poor Box	789
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,945,000
Received	1,996,838
Surplus	+ 51,838

**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
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Donations Received	346,114
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Still to Go	653,886
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## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 8/9 June

5.00 pm	260
7.30 am	358
9.00 am	384
11.00 am	532
1.00 pm	486

Total	2,020
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G - Gallivan Hall  
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall  
 C - Clinkscals  
 Family Center

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

## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Anne Porter, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

## Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## 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, 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.

## 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 16 June**. 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.

## Daily Mass Readings

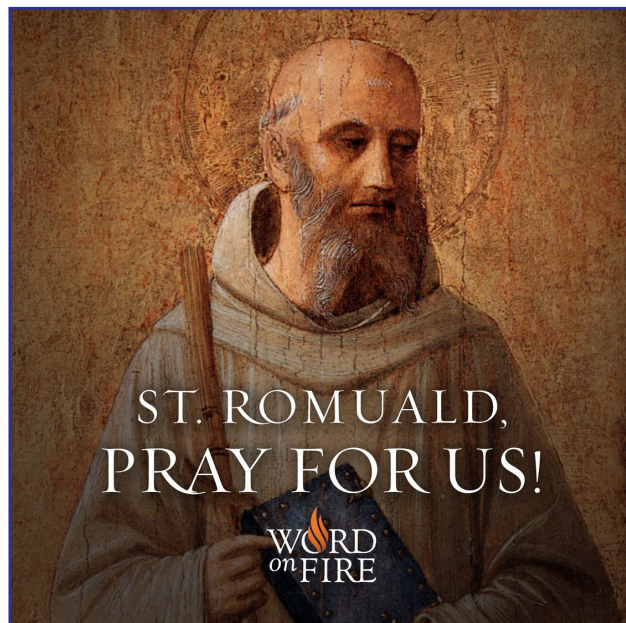
For daily Mass readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.org>

# PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 15/16 June

Seminary Offering  
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/inspiretrn>

Please email [cristinaeortiz@msn.com](mailto:cristinaeortiz@msn.com) for more information about Fidelis or with questions.

#### Our Mission

#### 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.*



#### CONTACT US

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- [@fidelissisterhood](https://www.instagram.com/fidelissisterhood)
- [/Fidelisonline.org](https://www.facebook.com/Fidelisonline.org)



Sisters to Saints

#### 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.



#### 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 well as in the hearts of the women in the Fidelis sisterhood.

#### SISTERHOOD

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

#### VIRTUE

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.

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

BETH, FIDELIS MENTOR



## Seven Sisters Apostolate



“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.”

—Jeremiah 29:12

The Seven Sisters Apostolate of St. Mary's Catholic Church is seeking women to pray for our priests.

To join this mission, please email [sevensistersofstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:sevensistersofstmarys@gmail.com)

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

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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## 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.



# 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@smcgv.org](mailto:linda.jackson@smcgv.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://smcgv.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> to learn more.

Contact Deacon John at [john.heuser@smcgv.org](mailto:john.heuser@smcgv.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 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.whalen@smcgv1.org](mailto: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.

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### 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.



# Seminarian *Fund*

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON



## IN HIS LIFETIME, A PRIEST WILL CELEBRATE

<b>2,000</b>	<i>Anointings</i>
<b>2,000</b>	<i>Weddings</i>
<b>5,000</b>	<i>Baptisms</i>
<b>20,000</b>	<i>Confessions</i>
<b>25,000</b>	<i>Masses</i>

*Our seminarians have answered God's call.*  
***Will you support them?***

- Your generous gift will support the education of the **28 seminarians** as they study and prepare to be the future shepherds of souls for years to come!
- Of the 28, **7** are college seminarians, **8** are pre-theology, **2** are on a pastoral year and **11** are studying theology.
- Formation can take **6-10 years**, depending on the individual man.
- The annual tuition, books, living expenses, travel and medical insurance for **each man** is approximately **\$57,000**.
- **2 priests** and **4 transitional deacons** were ordained this year.



**SCAN TO DONATE!**

Learn more at  
[charlestdiocese.org/  
seminarian-fund](http://charlestdiocese.org/seminarian-fund)





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).

## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

*"I am with you always, until the end of time."*  
~Matthew 28:20

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!):

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, Guilment, Richter, and Widor. This concert is free and open to the public.

### Little Margaret Program

The Little Margaret Program is an adaptive catechesis for children with special needs or disabilities. We strive to provide catechesis through accessible learning, while supporting their parents' growth in their faith through group coaching. If your child cannot attend a typical catechesis program due to his/her unique learning needs and you are interested in becoming part of a supportive community of people who understand your struggle, come find out more!

Volunteers are needed to make a monthly commitment to teach these special children about the sacraments, the life of the Church, and prepare them to receive the sacraments. If you are a special educator, an Occupational therapist, a Speech therapist, or are interested in working with children with special needs, we need your help!

Parents of children with special needs and potential volunteers for the Little Margaret Program are invited to attend an informational session on 23 June at 10.00 am in the Gathering Hall at St Mary Magdalene (Simpsonville). If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please email [littlemargaretprogram@gmail.com](mailto:littlemargaretprogram@gmail.com).

**THE BEST VACATION  
FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES**

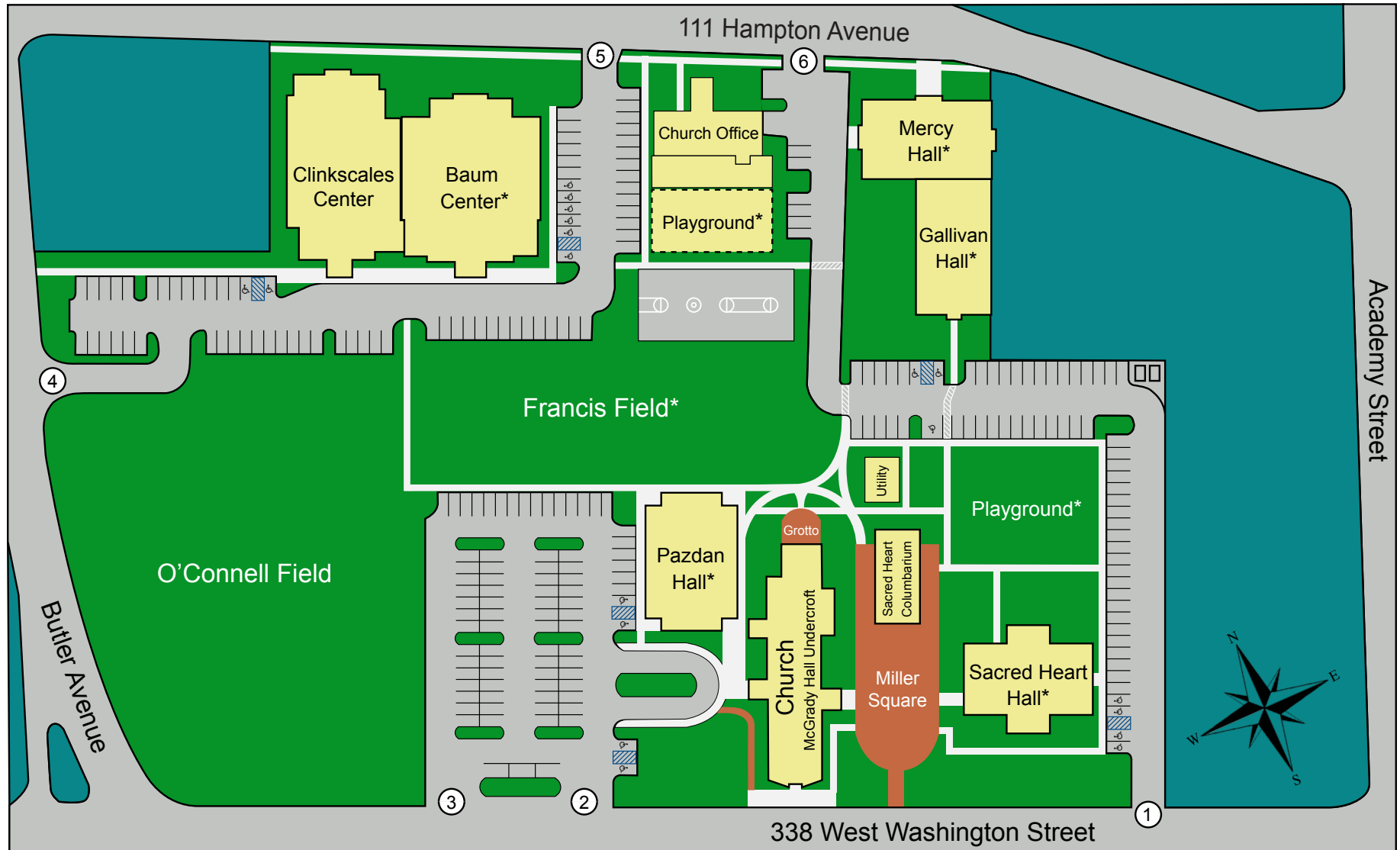
HEART RIDGE  
SUMMER  
Family  
CAMP

GREAT FOOD • COMFORTABLE LODGING • DAILY MASS • OUTDOOR ADVENTURES • FELLOWSHIP

# 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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