



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

30 June 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Declaration of Independence was promulgated 248 years ago this Thursday, and 4 July is conventionally reckoned to be the birthday of our nation. But is it? The Continental Congress may have declared our independence from Great Britain, but this did not become a military fact until October 1781 with the surrender of British forces at Yorktown, more than five long years of fierce fighting after that first Fourth. And even then, the Crown did not renounce all claims on the American Colonies until the Treaty of Paris in 1783, nearly two years after Yorktown. Even after the war, the former British Colonies did not of course immediately become one nation. In fact, there was a very real possibility of thirteen sovereign nations emerging from the Revolutionary War, and the Articles of Confederation of 1781 proved to be unsatisfactory, in part, for this very reason. The Constitutional Convention adopted the proposed Constitution of the United States of America on 17 September 1787 but it was not ratified until 21 June 1788, and the first ten amendments, which constitute the Bill of Rights, were not complete until 1791. And everything that seemed so clear when George Washington became our first president in 1788 was tested almost beyond endurance in the War Between the States which started 73 years after the Constitution was ratified. So, when is the birthday of our nation?

The complexity of our history reminds us, as the Founding Fathers knew, that this Republic is merely an experiment in liberty and that there is no guarantee that our children and their children shall live free in a place called the United States of America simply because we did. The power of this nation and the strength of our institutions can create the illusion of perpetual vigor and permanence, but a visit to Rome in the days of Caesar Augustus would have conveyed exactly the same illusion. Human history has never known of a permanent political order, and so we can never assume that the present shape of our nation is a simple fact of life that we can take for granted. We are engaged in an experiment, and experiments can fail. So how can we help insure the success of our ongoing experiment in liberty?

The capacity of “the people” to be sovereign, to govern themselves through freely elected representatives, depends directly on the capacity of each person to govern himself. In other words, we must each be virtuous if we are all to be free. The cultivation of personal virtue is hard work, and it requires discipline and the acceptance of a standard of virtue beyond one’s own desires and choices. This is why the culture of radical autonomy and “freedom of choice” which is now used to justify moral degradation of every conceivable sort is, in truth, a greater threat to the liberty of our nation than any external enemy or armed force. Making our own desires the measure of goodness is a sure path to individual vice and national servitude, and on the 248th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we can best serve the cause of our nation’s freedom by resolving to cultivate virtue in our own lives.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 30 June

7.30 am ✱ Janet DeWorken
 9.00 am ✱ Joel Naylor
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 1 July

7.00 am ✱ Alvaro Romero

Tuesday 2 July

7.00 am ✱ Grady Barron Culbertson

Wednesday 3 July

7.00 am ✱ John & Mary Walsh

Thursday 4 July

Independence Day - No Mass &
 Church Closed

Friday 5 July

7.00 am ✱ John A Schmidt
 Church Closed After Mass

Saturday 6 July

5.00 pm Joseph M Borys

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 30 June

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Monday 1 July

Tuesday 2 July

Wednesday 3 July

No Holy Hour & Confessions (resumes 7 August)

Thursday 4 July

Independence Day - Parish Office Closed

Friday 5 July

Parish Office Closed
 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)
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 6 July

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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 22/23 June

Needed	38,900
Received	38,545
Shortage	- 355

Poor Box	871
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	2,022,800
Received	2,075,845
Surplus	+ 53,045

***New Weekly Offertory needed beginning 1 July 2024: \$40,100**

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
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Donations Received	362,955
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Still to Go	637,045
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 22/23 June

5.00 pm	303
7.30 am	374
9.00 am	384
11.00 am	419
1.00 pm	399

Total	1,879
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Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on any Wednesday in July (resumes 7 August).

No Mass and the church will be closed on Thursday 4 July. The church will be closed after Mass on Friday 5 July.

Parish Office Closure

In observance of Independence Day the church office will be **closed all day Thursday & Friday 4 & 5 July.**

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.

Congratulations to

Sonoma Catherine LaRoche who was baptized last weekend.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling this summer, find mass times at a parish near you.

<https://masstimes.org>

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

Daily Mass Readings

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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 29/30 June

Peter's Pence
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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Michael Middleton, Gaby Teutle, Cody & Vori Stinson, Theresa Guettler, Perry Myers, Leonardo Di Biccari, Kara Hartman, Anthony & Amelia Bleyer, Israel Pedro & Susan Nicolas.

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 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.



Sisters to Saints

CONTACT US

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

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



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 rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafò (late group) at mmunafò1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

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.



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE
HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

Peter's Pence Collection

*Be a sign of
mercy.*

Turkey and Syria are situated in a region that experiences frequent, major earthquakes. In early February 2023, central Turkey's most powerful earthquake since 1939 struck with a magnitude of 7.8. More than 10,000 aftershocks continued for weeks afterward, including a powerful magnitude 6.4 aftershock that struck the biblical city of Antioch, known as Antakya. More than 50,000 people in Turkey and neighboring Syria were killed by the initial earthquake, followed by more deaths and the destruction of structures damaged by the first earthquake. UN officials estimated that more than 1.5 million people were left homeless in what is believed to be the largest natural disaster in Turkey's history.

In a mid-February meeting with Turkey's new ambassador to the Holy See, Pope Francis asked what sort of aid Turkey most needed. Within 24 hours, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner and prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Service of Charity, organized a shipment of canned food, diapers, thermal garments, and other necessities, to be sent from Rome to a warehouse in Turkey for distribution to those in need. At the same time, economic aid to Syrian victims was entrusted to the apostolic nunciature in Syria. In addition to this material relief, the Vatican's prefect for the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, visited Syria and Turkey to provide a ministry of presence to victims.

The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, the poor, and those affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you

participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the Holy See dicasteries that assist his ministry.

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html (English) or www.obolodisanpietro.va/es/cos-e-l-obolo.html (español).

A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message exhorting us to take care of the poor, and it expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

SHARE

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested.

GIVE

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can minister to all for generations to come.



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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 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 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.

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 16 September at 6.30 pm.** Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgv1.org to register.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.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.

Christ On Main

Sharing the beauty and fullness of the Catholic faith with fellow Catholics and non-Catholics

Christ on Main is pleased to present

Fr Stephen Dyas

*The Life of Mary Magdalen
and its Significance Today*

17 July at 6.00 pm
Christ on Main
14 S Main St, Greenville, SC 29601

Capacity limited! Please register at
<https://forms.office.com/r/JahYf0HFv2>



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PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest
for yourselves." ~Matthew 11:28-29*

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

Monday 6 am

Tuesday 4 pm

Friday 12 pm

Saturday 2 pm* & 8 pm



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

<https://catholicradioinsc.com>

SAVE THE DATE

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

7/13/2024



Join us as we celebrate the mass in recognition of the first Native American Saint, Kateri Tekakwitha.

Celebrant: Rev. Michael Okere
Homilist: Deacon Larry Deschaine
Keepers of the Word Drum Team

Reception

Mass will be celebrated on July 13, 2024 at 5pm
St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
2229 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204


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Office of Black Catholics and Native American Ministries

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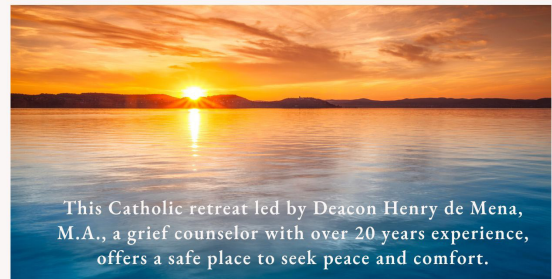
A Walk with Jesus for Grieving Parents

ONE DAY RETREAT

Saturday, July 13, 2024

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Faber Hall -- The Oratory
434 Charlotte Avenue
Rock Hill, SC



This Catholic retreat led by Deacon Henry de Mena, M.A., a grief counselor with over 20 years experience, offers a safe place to seek peace and comfort.

\$20 Registration Fee Includes Lunch & Materials

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/WalkwithJesusJuly132024>



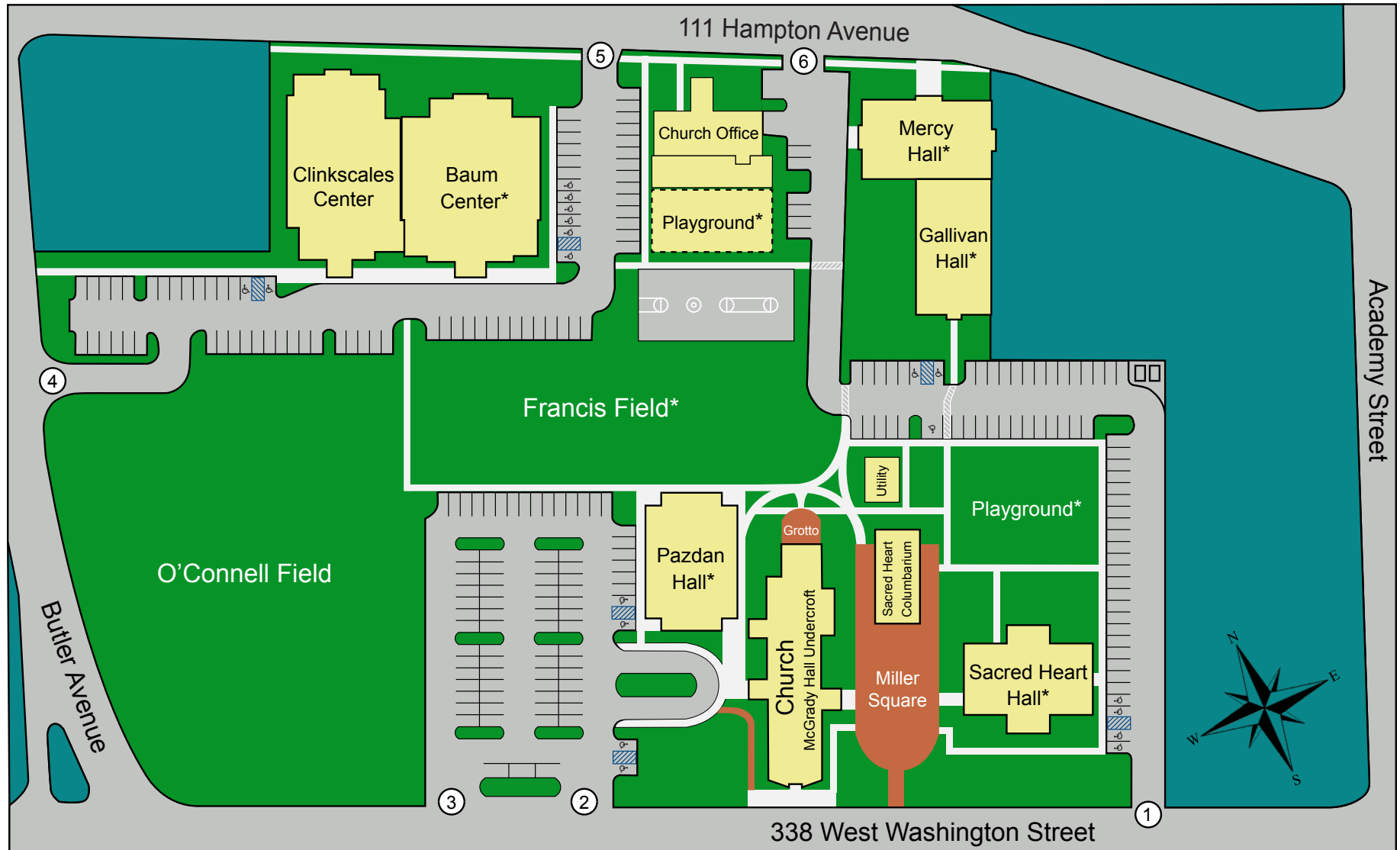
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
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SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

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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