



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

14 July 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Given the great cultural changes through which we are now living, some Catholics may be tempted to withdraw from the world the better to resist the challenges to Christian life that confront us all. But such a withdrawal is not the Catholic way. Consider, for comparison, the Amish, who are famous for their separation from their neighbors: they will not use modern technology, their clothing has not changed in 300 years, they cease formal schooling after the 8th grade, they refuse to serve in the armed forces, they will not participate in Social Security or purchase medical insurance, and so forth. But such a way of life is not required by the Gospel, and in some ways it is contrary to the Gospel, which is why Catholics cannot live like the Amish.

Christians do not wear distinctive clothing. We do not fear technology or the benefits of modern science and medicine. We do not separate ourselves in politics, commerce, education, military service, or civic responsibility from those who do not share our faith. And we do not do these things because to do so would make it impossible for us to fulfill the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28.18-20) We are called to be salt and light in the world, not to hide behind a barricade for fear that we will be polluted by the world.

The impulse to flee from "the world" is, of course, also a part of Christianity, if by "the world" we mean that part of the created order (starting inside of us) which is in rebellion against God. For this reason, religious life has been with us since Christian antiquity, and all Christians need a deep formation in virtue for genuine holiness of life. But that is not the same as the Amish refusal to live in the world, something that Catholics cannot accept as compatible with Christian discipleship.

The Letter to Diognetus, written in the 2nd century when the violent persecution of Christians was still common, explains it thus: "Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life ... With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign. And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven ... To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body." So, are we living as the soul of the world?

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 14 July

7.30 am	* Robert & Barbara Kellems
9.00 am	Mikey Russell
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

### Monday 15 July

7.00 am	John Paul Nielsen
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### Tuesday 16 July

7.00 am	Fr Michael Cellars
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### Wednesday 17 July

7.00 am	Elizabeth R Lipp
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### Thursday 18 July

7.00 am	Michael Nietopski
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### Friday 19 July

7.00 am	* Marina Crilly
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### Saturday 20 July

5.00 pm	Mark & Carolyn McGroarty
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## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 14 July

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
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### Monday 15 July

### Tuesday 16 July

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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### Wednesday 17 July

No Holy Hour & Confessions (resumes 7 August)
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### Thursday 18 July

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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### Friday 19 July

<b>Parish Office Closes at Noon</b>	
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 20 July

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

### Weekend of 6/7 July

Needed	40,100
Received	40,950
Surplus	+ 850

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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	80,200
Received	82,070
Surplus	+ 1,870

**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

<b>Goal</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
<b>Donations Received</b>	<b>379,109</b>
<b>Still to Go</b>	<b>620,891</b>

## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 6/7 July

<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>7.30 am</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>356</b>
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>423</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>1,758</b>
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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

## Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

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

## 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, Bridget Fitzpatrick.

## 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. Pillars will begin a study of the Miracles of the Eucharist beginning Friday 19 July. Please join us. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at [rsulli42@gmail.com](mailto:rsulli42@gmail.com) or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafò (late group) at [mmunaf01950@gmail.com](mailto:mmunaf01950@gmail.com) or 864.313.5356.

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

### Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 16, 23 & 30 July 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.

## Daily Mass Readings

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

# PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 13/14 July

Capital Improvement Fund  
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>



## 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.

## Fidelis at St Mary's

Our Fidelis chapter registration is now open!

<https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/find/scstmarysgreenville>

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

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

[info@fidelisonline.org](mailto:info@fidelisonline.org)

[@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)

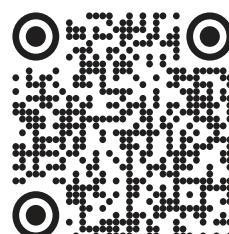
## Read and Understand the Bible with *The Bible in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

“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!

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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](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. **REGISTER NOW** on the parish website at

<https://smcgv.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/>

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 16 September 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.

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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.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Be humble to one another. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience weekend on 9-11 August at DoubleTree by Hilton Atlanta Northlake in Tucker, Georgia. Early sign up is recommended. Please visit <https://wwme.org> to sign up or to find additional weekends, details and other marriage resources.

## Novena to Saints Anne & Joachim



Join us for nine consecutive nights from 25 July - 2 August at 7.00 pm as we seek the intercession of Saints Anne & Joachim (parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus) for

Couples Struggling with Infertility. Pious tradition tells us that they spent most of their life together as childless couple, thus they are the patron saints for infertility and also for grandparents. Every night, prayers will be said including specific intentions and a brief story of Saints Anne & Joachim. Register in advance and submit prayer intentions when you sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/NovenaNFP>.

## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

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

## Natural Family Planning Classes

### In Person Sessions

17 July at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) -  
RSVP to [naprogal@gmail.com](mailto:naprogal@gmail.com)

23 July at 6.00 pm at Jesus Our Risen Savior  
(Spartanburg) - [monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD YOUR GOD goes with you, he will never leave you or forsake you. DEUT 31:6

# AMEN

south carolina catholic men's conference

featuring



Dr. Ian Murphy, Paul George, and  
Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

**St. Finbar Hall**  
900 Orange Grove Road in Charleston

**august 24**  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**register**  
<https://bit.ly/sccmc2024>

\$75	Early Bird Registration	ends Aug. 3
\$90	Regular Registration	ends Aug. 20
\$15	Livestream Registration	ends Aug. 20



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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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?



ROMAN 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 SACRAMENTAL 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



## FORMATION

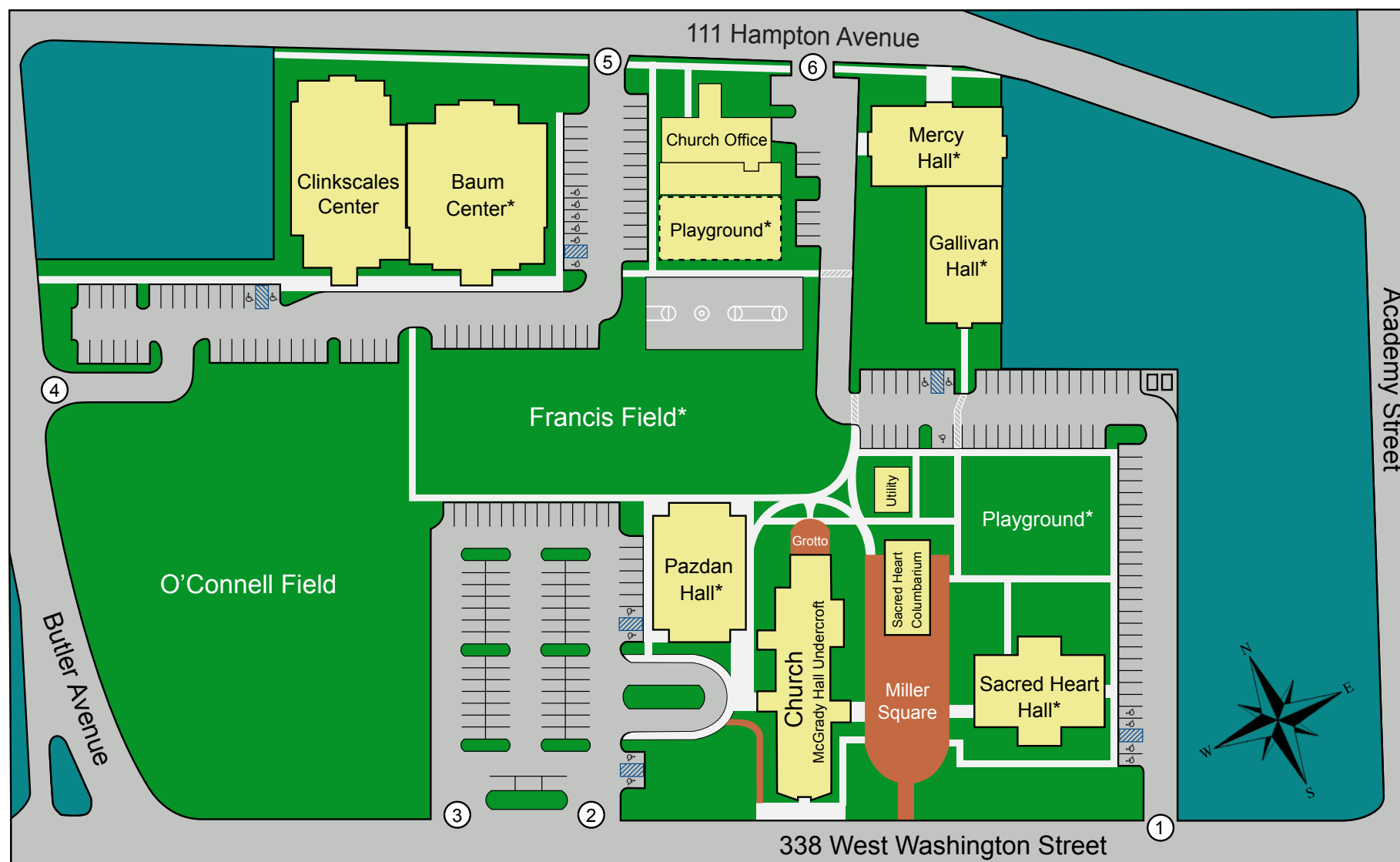
- New classes form every two years
- Discernment and formation lasts 5 ½ years
- Undergraduate Certificate or Master's in Theology awarded
- Monthly in-person class in Columbia
- Catholic men must be aged 30-60 at time of application to be eligible to apply

For information on exploring a vocation as a deacon in the Diocese of Charleston: [charlestdiocese.org/diaconate](http://charlestdiocese.org/diaconate). Email Deacon Brian Justice, Director of Formation: [bjustice@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:bjustice@charlestdiocese.org).

## 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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