



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

21 July 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

If you are in the habit of leaving the church immediately after receiving Holy Communion at Mass, then I beg you to replace that habit with a new one: receive Holy Communion reverently and devoutly, and then return to your seat in the pew to give thanks to God for the miracle of being nourished unto everlasting life by the Body and Blood of Christ. Giving thanks for the gift of Holy Communion is a small but essential sign of our faith in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. And there are other small signs that are equally important for us to preserve, protect, and defend our reverence for the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and to transmit it to others by our words and deeds.

Remote preparation for worthy participation in Mass begins at home and continues in the car on the trip to the church. What am I thinking and talking about? Am I aware of what I'm about to do? Is participating in the Holy Mass something I do willingly, reverently, and devoutly? Or is it something I do grudgingly, sullenly, and apathetically? Remote preparation also includes keeping the Eucharistic fast (no food for a least an hour before receiving Holy Communion), and it requires the most important preparation of all: examining my conscience and going to Confession whenever needed so that I do not eat and drink my own condemnation by making a sacrament into a sacrilege through an unworthy reception of Holy Communion.

Proximate preparation for participating in Mass begins when we arrive at the church. Am I aware that I approach the House of God? Do I silence my cell phone and leave behind in the car anything that could distract my attention from the glory of the Lord? Do I enter the sacred precincts of the temple with the proper dispositions? Do I use the holy water in the font at the door to remind me of my Baptism? Do I genuflect (or bow if the knee no longer easily bends) towards Christ present in the tabernacle? Do I prepare to hear the Word of God proclaimed by reading the Scripture lessons appointed for that Mass? Do I quiet my heart and mind and voice and approach the Throne of Grace in prayer so that I will be ready to approach the altar in the Communion procession?

Then comes the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the time for us to join in that privileged act of worship. Do I say or sing all of the parts of the liturgy that are proper for me? Do I offer genuine contrition for my sins in the Penitential Rite? Do I listen attentively to the reading of Holy Scripture? Do I lift up my heart to the Lord as the priest offers the preface to the Eucharist prayer? Do I sincerely join with my brothers and sisters when we pray to Our Father as the Savior taught us? And, finally, do I approach the altar to receive Holy Communion or a blessing with genuine faith in and love for the Lord Jesus Christ? If so, that is why I would never leave the church without first returning to my pew to give thanks for the medicine of immortality in the Bread that came down from Heaven.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 21 July

7.30 am Margaret Burnos
 9.00 am Juan Carlos Gomez
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 22 July

7.00 am ✧ Gary Anthony Shelley

Tuesday 23 July

7.00 am Karen Sufczynski

Wednesday 24 July

7.00 am ✧ Willie Chiles Martin

Thursday 25 July

7.00 am ✧ Stanley M Kosek

Friday 26 July

7.00 am Kristen Nietopski

Saturday 27 July

5.00 pm Chelsey Farley

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 21 July

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Monday 22 July

Tuesday 23 July

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 24 July

No Holy Hour & Confessions (resumes 7 August)

Thursday 25 July

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 26 July

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)
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 27 July

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
 C - Clinkscles
 Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 13/14 July

Needed	40,100
Received	40,639
Surplus	+ 539

Poor Box	1,236
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	120,300
Received	122,709
Surplus	+ 2,409

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.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	390,159
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Still to Go	609,841
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 13/14 July

5.00 pm	310
7.30 am	295
9.00 am	358
11.00 am	314
1.00 pm	402

Total	1,679
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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 has begun a study of the Miracles of the Eucharist. Please join us. If you are 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.

Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast!

This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 21 July**. 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.

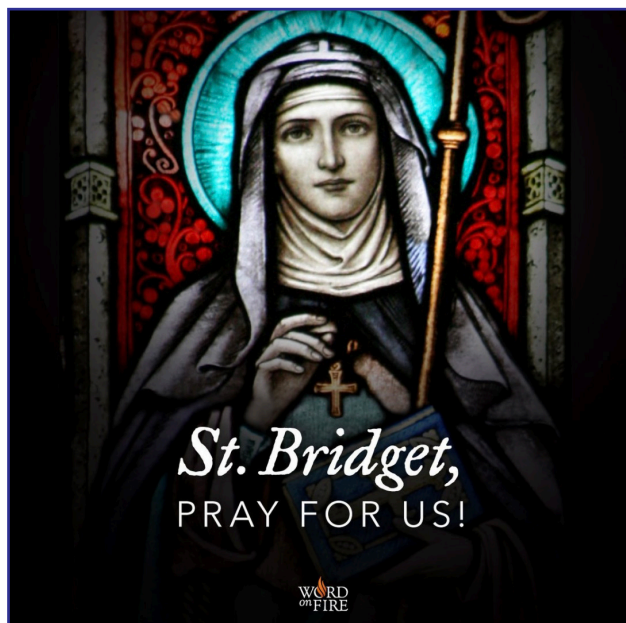
Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 20/21 July

Infirm Priests
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

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 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 for details.

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 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.



CONTACT US

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[/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



St Mary's Hiking Ministry

“The higher we go,
the better we shall hear
the voice of Christ.”

~ Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Vern P'alto

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. 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.

Our next hike is Saturday 27 July at John Rock/Cat Gap Loop in the Pisgah National Forest just north of Brevard. For more information or to participate and receive notifications of upcoming events, contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgv.org.

St Clare's Convent



In June, the newly constructed Convent for the religious Sisters serving at St Clare's Home was dedicated by a Mass and Blessing by our Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune. The new Convent,

which sits next to St Clare's Home, allows the Sisters to live in community while serving the women and children who are living in the home. The new Convent was built by contractors at cost, saving our Diocese significant funds. The people of St Mary's were recognized and thanked for their generous donation in helping to build this new home. Please keep the Sisters and the women and children they serve in your prayers. For more information or to help support St Clare's Home, please visit <https://stclareshomesc.org>.



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

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

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.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.

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

“Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world.” ~St Maximillian Kolbe

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!):

Sunday 11am
Monday 6 am
Friday 12 pm
Saturday 2 pm* & 8 pm

Daily Mass Readings

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

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

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

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



Married love “is an act of...free will, whose trust is such that it”...survives the joys and sorrows of daily life and grows, “so that husband and wife become...one heart and one soul.”

Humanae Vitae, 9

#NFPweek

The logo of the National Council of Catholic Bishops, featuring a white cross on a blue background.

Keeping Children and Teens **SAFE ONLINE**

Computers and mobile devices can be helpful tools for children and teens to learn and grow in faith and fellowship. Unfortunately, the digital world is also full of unsafe and explicit content. You wouldn't hand a teen the car keys without first teaching them how to drive. The same should be true for using technology—teach them how to keep themselves and others safe while using it.

You can use the following tips to better protect young people from harm online:



1 Model appropriate online behavior for young people. Children look to their parents to teach and show them the ways to appropriately use technology. The biggest influence on what children see as acceptable or unacceptable is you.

2 Teach your children not to share private information or images online. Strangers posing as online friends can try to gain the trust of minors. Personal information such as name, address, and phone number should never be shared with an unknown person. Tell your children to immediately tell a trusted adult if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable.

3 Limit usage of computers and mobile devices to public spaces in the home. Not only will this help to prevent young people from accessing unsafe websites, it will also help them to develop safe browsing habits later in life.

4 Install software that can block or monitor explicit website use. Open access to harmful websites, like those that include pornography, is a constant threat to

young people. Website filters can prevent access to harmful and explicit sites and some can even alert you when such a site is accessed.

5 Review and discuss the websites your child has visited and apps they have used. Oversight of your child or teen's browsing history and app usage can help to keep them safe online. If you notice your child has browsed an unsafe website or app, discuss why that behavior is harmful. Learn about current apps that could be harmful to children and teenagers, especially those that involve image sharing, private communication, or the illusion of privacy.

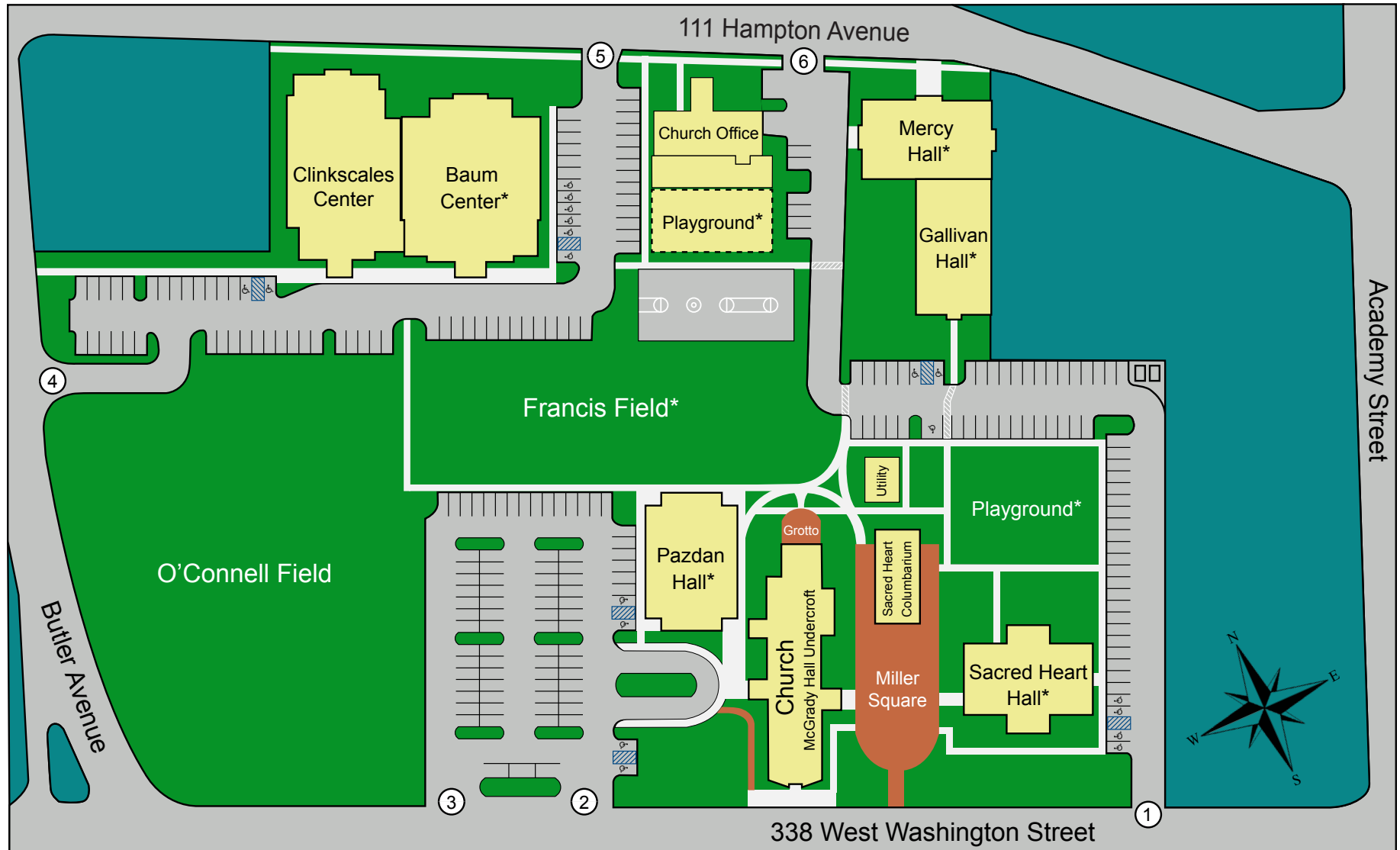
6 Report online exploitation of minors to public authorities. If you become aware of explicit content involving minors, such as solicitation, explicit images or videos, you should submit a report to law enforcement or through resources like CyberTipline from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



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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