



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

4 August 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Feast of the Transfiguration, which will be celebrated this Tuesday, is described with slightly different emphases by Matthew, Mark and Luke and recalls the manifestation of the divine glory of the Lord Jesus to Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. During this revelation of His divine nature to human eyes, Jesus was accompanied by Moses and Elijah, living symbols of the Law and Prophets, who spoke to their Savior about the suffering which He would endure in His passion and death. This combination of suffering and glory reveals the paradox at the heart of the Gospel which was spoken of by the Lord Jesus just before His Transfiguration: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." (Luke 9.23-24)

The oldest known liturgical celebration of this feast was in the Armenian Church, and the 7th century Armenian Bishop Gregory Arsharuni wrote that the feast was placed in the liturgy in the early 4th century by Saint Gregory the Illuminator. In the Orthodox Church, the Feast of the Transfiguration is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the liturgical year, and it is both preceded by a fast and celebrated with a Vigil and an Octave, in the way Latin Rite Catholics celebrate Christmas and Easter. These liturgical observances underscore the importance of the truths revealed to us by the Transfiguration of the Lord.

The Feast of the Transfiguration, which from antiquity has been kept on 6 August, forty days before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, gradually entered the liturgical life of the Western Church through our monasteries, and by the tenth century this feast was observed in many of the dioceses of England, France and Germany. But despite the importance and widespread celebration of this feast, it was not placed by the Pope on the Universal Calendar until the 15th century, and the reason for that change is a timely one for us.

In 1453, Sultan Mohammed II conquered the great Christian imperial capital of Constantinople thus ending the Roman Empire in the East and laying the foundation of the Ottoman Empire. From that time forward the armies of Islam seemed to be invincible, and the Turks were on the move north and west. But on 22 July 1456, János Hunyady, the Governor of Hungary and a devout Catholic, led a Christian army to victory over the Turks at Belgrade, marking a turning point in the centuries-long struggle between the Christian West and militant Islam. In celebration of this victory, Pope Callistus III extended the Feast of the Transfiguration to the universal Church and ordered that it be kept each year on 6 August. Callistus died two years later on 6 August 1458.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 4 August

7.30 am Luci Banks Sieber
 9.00 am Ana Lucia Cordova
 & Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 5 August

7.00 am Xavier Russell

Tuesday 6 August

7.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman

Wednesday 7 August

7.00 am St Thomas Aquinas
 Chapter Lay Dominicans

Thursday 8 August

7.00 am John Paul Nielsen

Friday 9 August

7.00 am Joseph Nietopski

Saturday 10 August

5.00 pm Braud Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 4 August

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Monday 5 August

Tuesday 6 August

Wednesday 7 August

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)

Thursday 8 August

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 9 August

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 10 August

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 27/28 July

Needed	40,100
Received	41,381
Surplus	+ 1,281

Poor Box	893
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	200,500
Received	205,965
Surplus	+ 5,465

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	447,931
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Still to Go	552,069
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 27/28 July

5.00 pm	298
7.30 am	296
9.00 am	434
11.00 am	380
1.00 pm	409

Total	1,817
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G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
 C - Clinkscles
 Family Center

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

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, Ellie O'Connell.

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. 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 Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

Congratulations to

Gabriel Paluszak and Abigail Wiren who were married last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

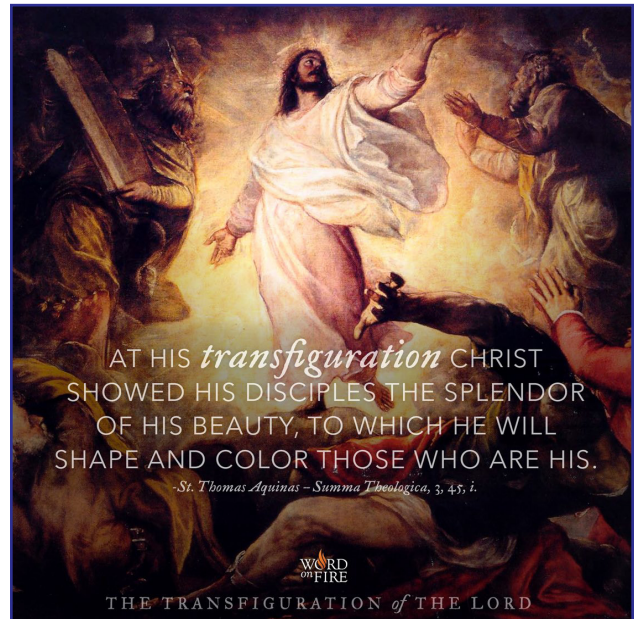
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Alex Pressley, Luis Lizardo & Jessica Gonzalez, Michael & Jessica White.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 3/4 August

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



Please join us for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship in Pazdan Hall dining room after the 9.00 am Mass.

Fidelis at St Mary's



Come experience Fidelis at our
INTRODUCTION WEEKS

Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall
20 & 27 August and 10 & 17 September

*no registration necessary to attend introduction weeks

Our Fidelis chapter registration is now open!

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

Contact Cristina Ortiz at 305.439.2172 or
cristinaeortiz@msn.com for more information

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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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.

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

BETH, FIDELIS MENTOR

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.



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

sevensistersapostolate.org

Be who God
meant you to be,
and you will set the
world on fire.

—St. Catherine of Siena

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women
will be hosting a **Meet & Greet** after all Masses
the weekend of **August 24-25**.

All women of the parish are cordially invited to join St.
Mary's Council of Catholic Women. Our more than 100
members strive to be the women God calls us to be. We
serve our parish and the greater community through our
volunteer work and our prayers. We grow in our spirituality
and form lasting friendships. All new paid members (\$20)
who sign up at the Meet & Greet will receive a free gift.

For more information contact Marge Scieszka at
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The Center for Evangelical Catholicism Presents



The Inklings

And the Re-Enchantment of the West

28 September 2024

St Mary's Catholic Church — Greenville SC

Join us on Saturday 28 September 2024 from 8.30 am until 12.00 noon for our 2024 CEC Fall Conference on two of the 20th Century's greatest Christian writers, J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis. Bradley Birzer, author of J.R.R. Tolkien's Sanctifying Myth, and Jason Baxter, author of The Medieval Mind of C.S. Lewis, will unpack how Tolkien and Lewis provided the antidote to much of the terror, confusion and moral floundering of the modern world. Through their stories and myth, these two authors re-enchanted Western Civilization with a Sacramental and Liturgical understanding of creation that is open to the gradual discovery of beauty, truth, and excellence, answering the fundamental question of what is the role of the human person within God's created order?

Register at <https://www.evangelicalcatholicism.com/2024-the-inklings-the-reenchantment-of-the-west>
\$45 per person. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



St Mary's Religious Education



For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson
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REGISTRATION OPENS 1 August 2024

Registration for the 2024-2025 year IS NOW OPEN. ALL children of the parish (grades 1-8) must register with the Religious Education Office including Homeschool and St Joseph's Middle School students.

Register on the parish website at
<https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/religious-education/>

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes begin 4 September 2024

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes begin 8 September 2024

Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

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://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/>

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 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.



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



Visit our website here! 

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.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC 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

Nationwide Mass Times

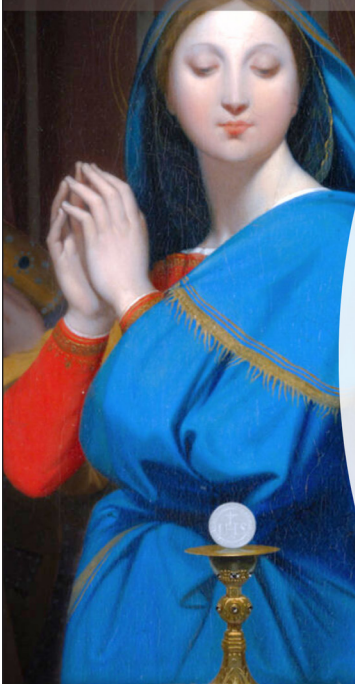
If traveling this summer, find mass times at a parish near you.

<https://masstimes.org>

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

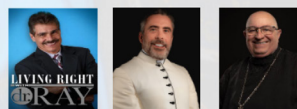
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

12th Marian Eucharistic Conference



Featured Speakers

Fr. Larry Richards
 Very Reverend Chris Alar, MIC
 Fr. Roger J. Landry
 Dr. Ray Guarendi
 Fr. Christopher Smith, STD/PHD, KHS
 Fr. Bart Leon, OSB



Registration

General Admission: \$125, Youth: 90
 Registration required by Oct. 12 by mail.
 Registration after Oct. 12: \$135
 Friday dinner and Saturday lunch are included. Friday dinner choice: chicken or Cod. Parking is free.

For more information, call (864)354-7160 or visit <http://www.meconferencesc.net>

Greenville Convention Center | 1 Exposition Dr. | Greenville, SC 29607

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

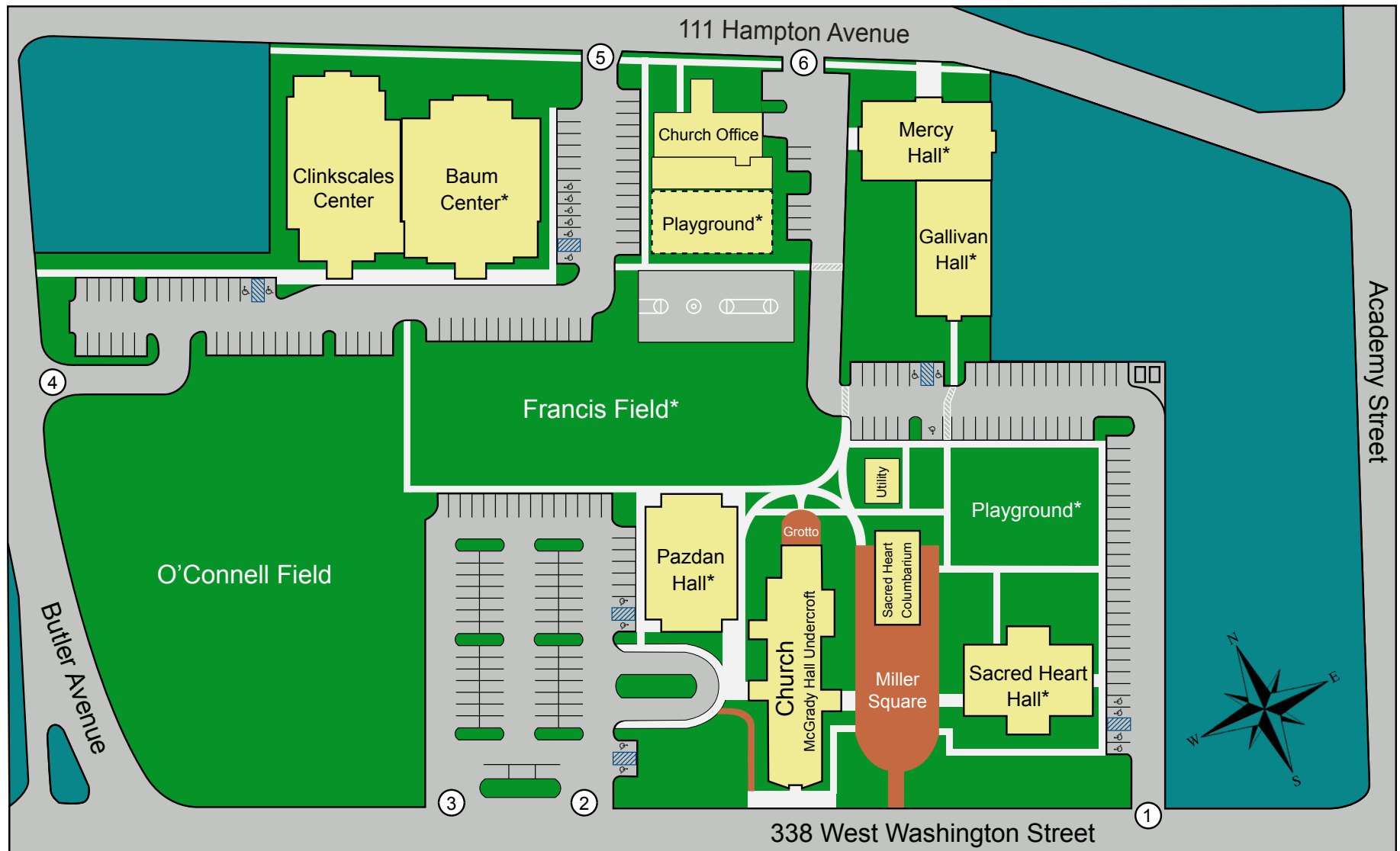
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<https://bit.ly/sccmc2024>

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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