



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

6 October 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fifth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “The sacred liturgy, through which the seven Sacraments are celebrated and the Hours of praise are prayed, makes present to us the saving mysteries of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy must therefore be celebrated in such a way that the truth of the Gospel, the beauty of sacred music, the dignity of ritual form, the solemnity of divine worship, and the fellowship of the baptized assembled to pray are kept together in organic unity.”

Protestants who become Catholics often remark that they miss the sense of fellowship they experienced in their former congregations - the feeling of belonging to a group of friends in a spiritual family rather than joining a crowd of random strangers coming together for a common purpose as at an athletic event or concert. This is part of what I mean in the Fifth Principle by “the fellowship of the baptized assembled to pray.”

One of the ways that sense of fellowship is fostered in Protestant congregations is that people in the pews speak to each other in conversational voices before worship begins. This is often called visiting, and it can help form a group of people into a spiritual family. But Catholics do not speak to each other in the pews before Mass because we are speaking to God: preparing in silent prayer to participate in the sacred liturgy by turning our hearts and minds to the Throne of Grace so that the truth of the Gospel, the beauty of sacred music, the dignity of ritual form, and the solemnity of divine worship can unite us body and soul as closely as possible to the Lord Jesus Christ.

But such a Christ-centered way of praying in union with the whole Church around the world should not impede us from finding other ways to foster fellowship in our parishes, and that is why lingering after Mass to converse with each other, joining other Catholics in service to those in need, and participating in parish social and recreational events are so important. Look for ways to cultivate friendships with those you see around you in the pews so that the vertical and horizontal dimensions of parish life reinforce each other rather than compete with each other.

And if you want to understand more deeply why the Church asks us to pray as we do, I recommend two short texts. The first to read is *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council; it is only a few pages long, and the text is available online. Then read *The Spirit of the Liturgy* by Joseph Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI), a beautiful meditation on the nature and purpose of liturgical worship by the finest theological mind of our time. The psalmist sings that we are created “to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” and the sacred liturgy is meant always to lead us to the Lord Jesus. An essential part of the New Evangelization is the full and faithful celebration of the sacred liturgy, and that is what we strive for in all our prayer. Let us go together to the source and summit of the Church’s life and find there a glimpse of the New and Eternal Jerusalem.

Father Newman



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

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Oct. 1, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In October, the Church celebrates the Month of the Holy Rosary. We remember in a special way the Battle of Lepanto when, losing all hope of victory, Pope St. Pius V urged the faithful to pray the rosary. A miraculous victory was won Oct. 7, 1571, thanks to the power of this prayer and the intercession of Mary.

In his encyclical on the rosary, *Ingruentium Malorum*, marking 400 years after the Battle of Lepanto, St. Pius XII expressed the challenges of his own time. I echo his words, which we find as relevant today as they were in 1951:

“You know well, Venerable Brethren, the calamitous conditions of our times. Fraternal harmony among nations, shattered for so long a time ... we see souls upset by hatred and rivalry ... threats of new bloody conflicts ... the violent storm of persecution, which in many parts of the world, has been unleashed against the Church, depriving it of its liberty ... and making the blood of martyrs flow again and again” (*IM*).

He makes clear the turbulence of the era characterized by polarization, hatred, fear and persecution. Throughout the encyclical, Pius XII reminds us of the power of the rosary and specifically the power of a family praying the rosary together.

Now, we stand in a unique position in history with an opportunity and responsibility to intercede on behalf of our future political leaders, the coming election, this great country and our world. By taking up the beads of the rosary daily, we call out to our heavenly mother, pleading for her loving intercession. Mary desires to aid us and asks her son for the graces we need. All we must do is faithfully meditate on the life of Jesus through her eyes. This devotion gives a glimpse into the very nature of the Blessed Virgin, who “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” (Lk 2:19).

As your bishop, I ask that each family make an effort to pray the rosary at least once a week throughout the month of October and in the days leading up to the general election and beyond. Parents, if possible, pray at least a decade of this beautiful prayer each day with your children. Be assured that the sacrifice of your time for this devotion will be multiplied. You will not regret leading your family in prayer.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us! Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, pray for us!

In Christ’s love,

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

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 6 October

7.30 am ✱ Mary Otts  
 9.00 am ✱ Paul Nicholas Carrano  
 11.00 am Pro populo  
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 7 October

7.00 am ✱ Emily Rose Gomes

### Tuesday 8 October

7.00 am Alycia Nielsen

### Wednesday 9 October

7.00 am Debbie & Bob Devereaux

### Thursday 10 October

7.00 am ✱ Danny Kutej

### Friday 11 October

7.00 am ✱ Michael Stewart

### Saturday 12 October

5.00 pm ✱ Ann & John Michell

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 6 October

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass  
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 9.00 am Doughnuts, Bagles & Coffee (P)  
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class  
 6.00 pm Women of Grace  
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

### Monday 7 October

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery  
 6.30 pm Cub Scouts  
 6.30 pm Fraternal (P)

### Tuesday 8 October

6.30 pm Knights of Columbus (M)  
 6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

### Wednesday 9 October

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour  
 & Confessions (church)  
 6.30 pm R E Parents Meeting (G)  
 6.30 pm Religious Education  
 6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

### Thursday 10 October

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 11 October

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 12 October

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 28/29 September

Will be posted next week

### Offertory Year to Date

Will be posted next week

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org).

## 2024 Capital Improvement Fund

<b>Goal</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
<b>Donations Received</b>	<b>565,958</b>
<b>Still to Go</b>	<b>434,042</b>

## Mass Attendance

**No Report for Last Week**

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, Gary Redding.

## Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 will hold its annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for St Mary's parish 8th graders. Answer the following in an essay of 500-750 words: *What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?* Contact John McGrath at 864.270.3656 for essay contest forms. Essays must be received by 14 October.

## 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 new study of the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brante Pitre.** 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](mailto:rsulli42@gmail.com) or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at [mmunafa1950@gmail.com](mailto:mmunafa1950@gmail.com) or 864.313.5356.

## Daily Mass Readings

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

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# PARISH NEWS

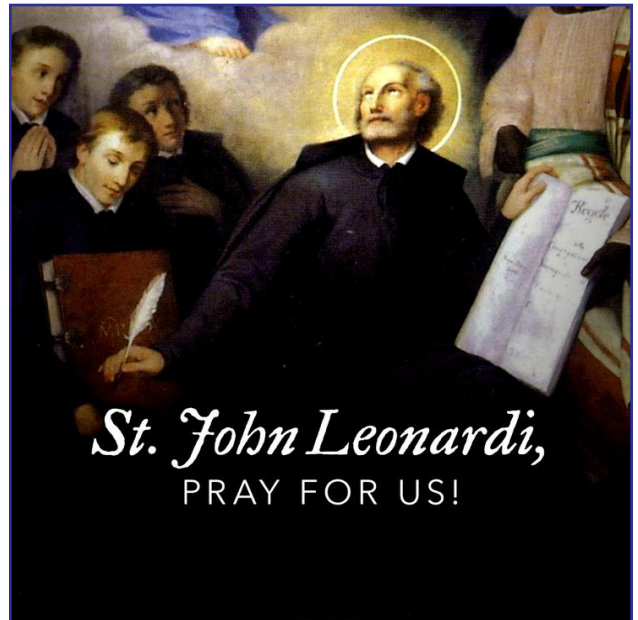
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## Collection for 5/6 October

Support of the Parish

*St Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.*



## Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or [linda.jackson@smcgv1.org](mailto:linda.jackson@smcgv1.org).

## Women of Grace Bible Study

Women of Grace Bible Study will meet Sunday 6 October at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall to **begin study of *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brant Pitre.** The study meets the first and third Sunday of each month. For more information about joining please contact Dorothy Whalen at [dorothy.whalen@smcgv1.org](mailto:dorothy.whalen@smcgv1.org).

# st. mary's catholic school

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Grades  
K3-8



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101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601



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



# St Mary's Religious Education



## Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
NEXT Parent Meeting is 6 November

### Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

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

### 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.

2024-2025 classes have begun! 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 December 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.

### 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@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:jthrall@charlestandioocese.org) if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

### Catholic Charities is Hiring!

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate is hiring a **Client Advocate**. This position is Full Time with benefits. Bilingual preferred, but not required. The Client Advocate will be responsible for daily operations of the food pantry, clothing closet, save a smile program and mobile clean of heart program offered through Catholic Charities. The Client Advocate will assist in recruiting, training, and managing volunteers. They will work with community partners and other social service agencies to implement overall wellness for clients and coordinate assistance efforts. Must have great empathy and understanding of the homeless population that we serve daily. Please apply at <https://charlestandioocese.org/job/client-advocate-3/>.

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

*"But who do you say that I am?" ~Mark 8:28*

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!):

- Sunday 11am
- Monday 4 pm & 8 pm
- Tuesday 11 am & 4 pm
- Wednesday 12 pm
- Friday 12 pm & 5 pm
- Saturday 2 pm & 7 pm\*

### OLR Upper School

OLR Classical Upper School Information Night will be at Our Lady of the Rosary (2 James Dr) in Guadalupe Hall on Wednesday 30 October from 6.45-8.00 PM (after 6.00 pm Mass). Middle School students and their parents interested in our 9th -12th grade Classical program are invited to come find out more about our school. Contact Christine Barr at [christine.barr@olrschool.net](mailto:christine.barr@olrschool.net) or 864.277.5350 for more information.

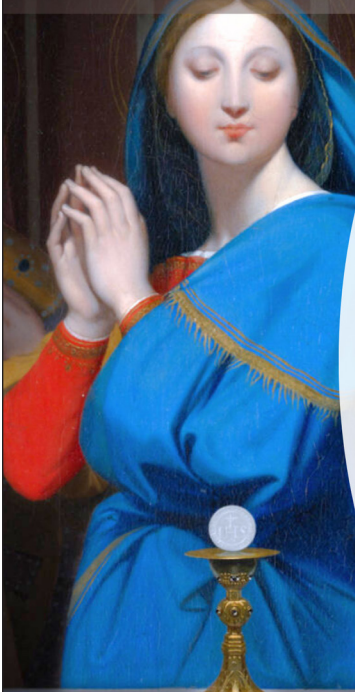
### Young Adult Retreat



Join us 18-20 October at the Diakonia Retreat Center for a weekend of faith and fellowship. Open to all young adults ages 18-35, this will be a weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship. Cost is \$90 per person for a shared room and \$170 for a single private room/married couple. Scholarships available if this is a hardship. Register by 3 October at <https://charlestandioocese.flocknote.com/signup/175200>.

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





St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

# WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT TWO MOST HOLY HEARTS

All women of St. Mary's are invited to join us as we deepen our faith and love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Saturday, Oct. 19**  
**8:30 am to 2 pm**

Pazdan Hall Cost: \$25  
Breakfast & Lunch Included

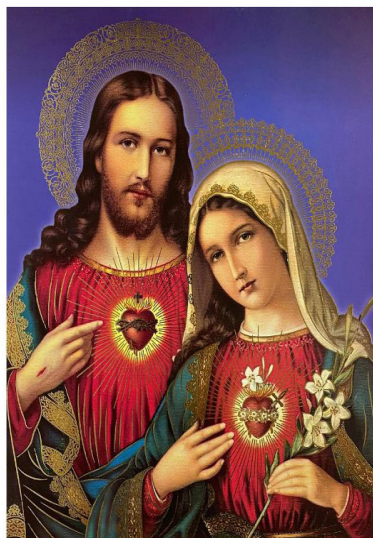
### Guest Speakers:

**Dr. Joe Beauchemin**

*The intertwined Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Sacred Scripture*

**Chiara Braud**

*Uniting Our Hearts to the Two Holy Hearts*



After lunch, we will be given a guided tour of St. Mary's Church with **Deacon John Heuser**.

Register today using the QR Code (includes \$1 convenience fee) or fill out the registration form and send a check for \$25/person payable to SMCCW. **Registration deadline is Saturday, October 12.**



Questions? Email Srebrenka O'Steen: [osteenst@gmail.com](mailto:osteenst@gmail.com)

## REGISTRATION FORM

### WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT TWO MOST HOLY HEARTS

Hosted by

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women  
October 19, 2024 8:30 am - 2 pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My Sandwich Preference: Ham\_\_\_ Turkey\_\_\_ Veggie\_\_\_  
My Guest Sandwich Preference: Ham\_\_\_ Turkey\_\_\_ Veggie\_\_\_

Cost \$25/person TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_ with check\* payable to SMCCW.  
Mail this form & check to: SMCCW, PO Box 1505,  
Greenville, SC 29602.

-OR-

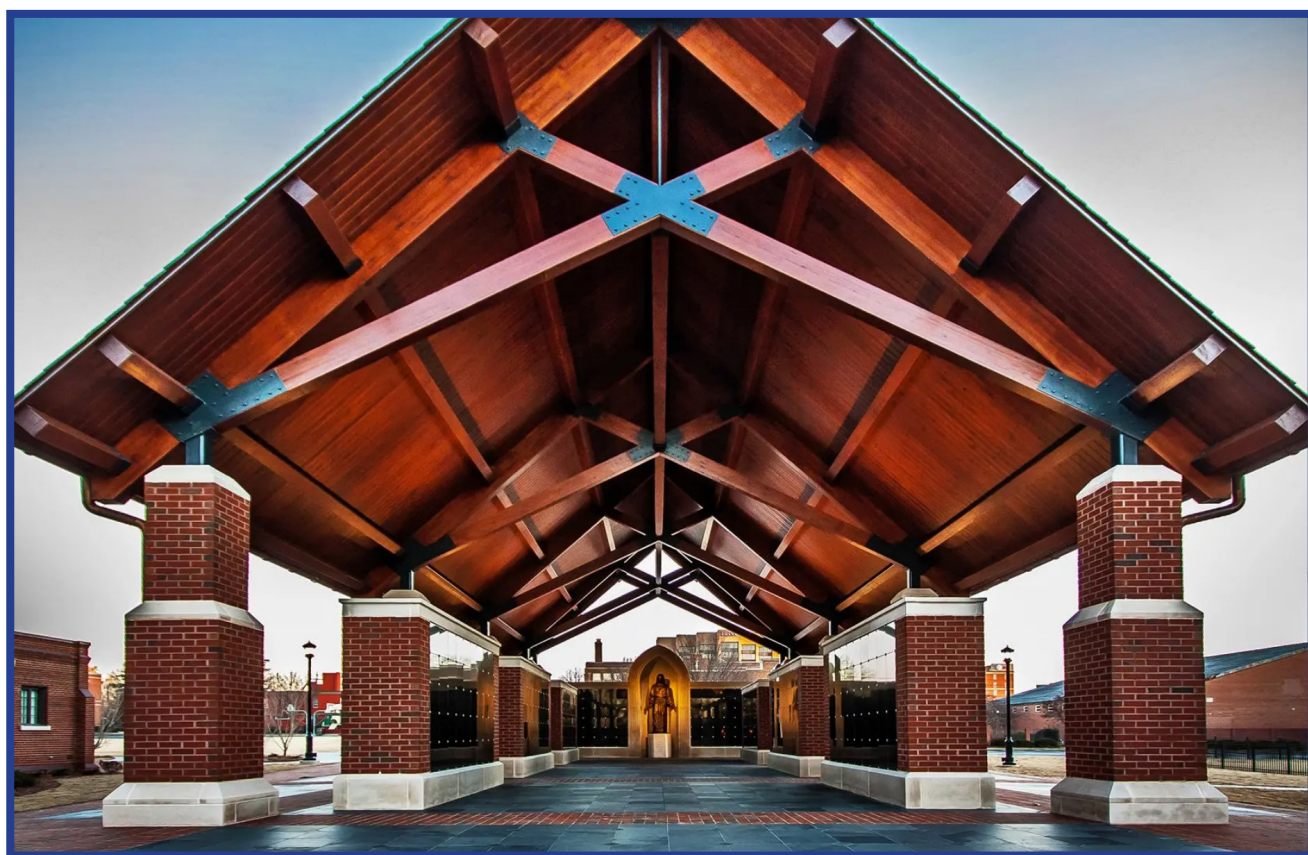
by electronic payment (included \$1 convenience fee). Please see QR code below.

Questions?  
Email Srebrenka O'Steen:  
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# sacred heart columbarium

St Mary's Catholic Church  
Greenville, South Carolina



Sacred Heart Columbarium at St Mary's Church contains 600 niches surrounding a bronze statue of the Lord Jesus - a beautiful and sacred place for mortal remains to rest next to our church.

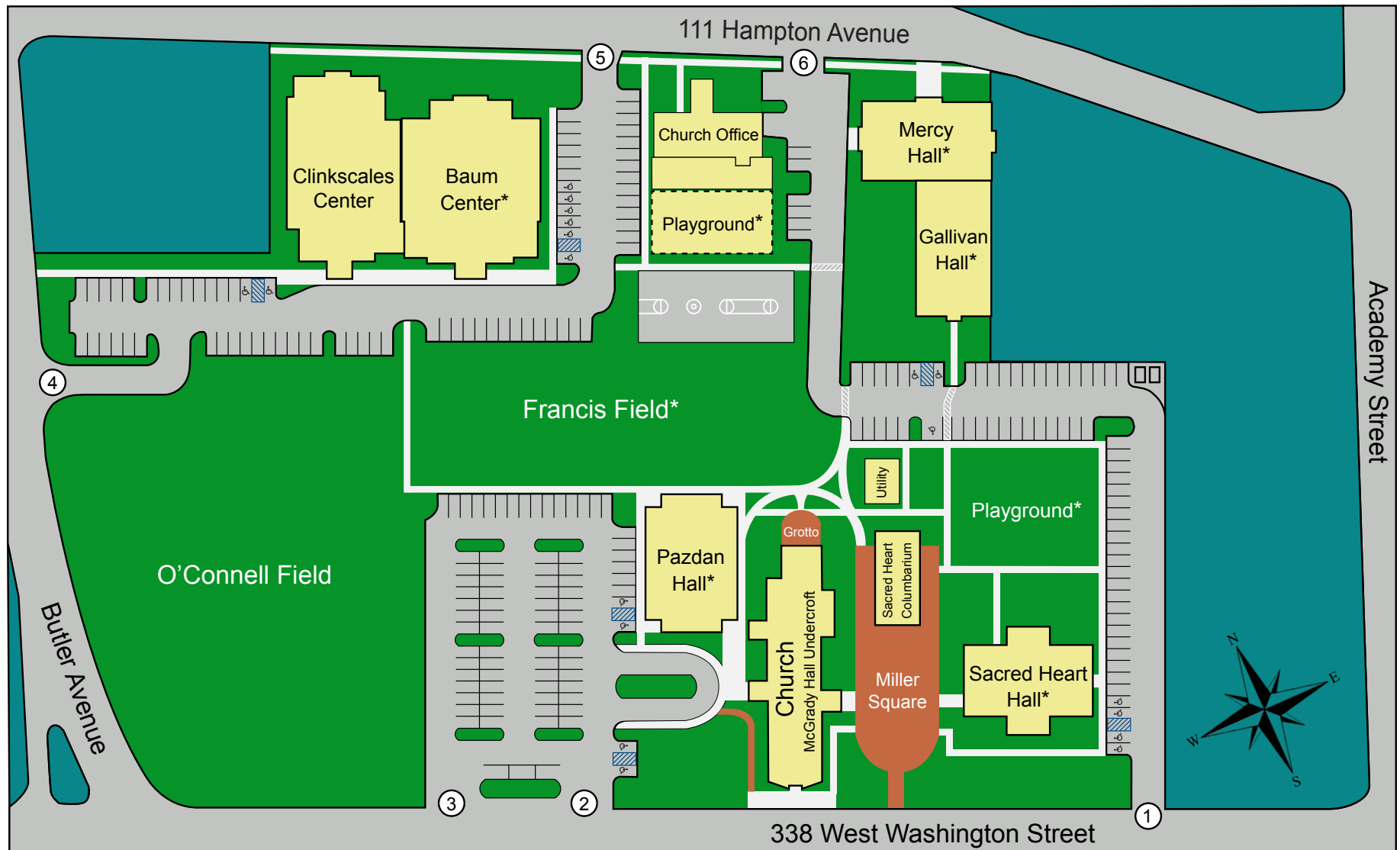
Current prices are \$4000, \$5500, and \$7500 depending on their location. Beginning 1 November 2024, prices will increase to \$4500, \$6000 and \$8000 respectively.

To learn more about the Columbarium or to purchase niches, please contact Jennifer Anderson at 864.679.4102 or [jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.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.

## The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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