



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

10 November 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Righteous is a word we do not often hear these days except as a form of condemnation when we say that someone is self-righteous, but the concept of righteousness must be a central part of any attempt to describe and lead a life that is truly good rather than wicked and self-absorbed. The word righteous entered the English language in the early 16th century as a way to translate the Greek word *dikaïos*, which appears 74 times in the New Testament, 25 of those being found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Righteous and *dikaïos* mean to act in accord with the eternal law of God, to be free from sin, and to be innocent of wrongdoing. And what the Word of God reveals to us is that righteousness is found only in Jesus Christ and that we become righteous only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Do a word search online or consult a Bible concordance for the words righteous and righteousness to see the many verses of Holy Scripture which describe what righteousness is and how we find it. A life without righteousness is a life without clear meaning, direction, or hope for anything beyond the grave, and a quick glance at the nihilism and chaos in the world provides clear confirmation of what the absence of righteousness does both to individual lives and to entire societies.

We live in a time of unimaginable prosperity and technical mastery over the material world, but we also live in such spiritual and cultural darkness that we can no longer name the differences between boys and girls without breaking laws erected by the dictatorship of relativism. Our machines probe the mysteries of the cosmos, but our souls are so shriveled that death by despair (suicide and overdose) is now so common that our average lifespan has contracted for the first time in a century. Our leaders in every sphere of human activity, including religion, are largely aimless, graceless, and feckless, and their schemes for restoring good order in human affairs are usually pointless. We live in the midst of lawlessness and hopelessness because we live in a time of unrighteousness. So what should we do? What can we do? We can hear and heed the Word of God. We can make a decision for Christ. We can take up our cross and follow the Savior.

The Lord Jesus began his ministry with a clarion call to conversion: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1:15) Societies, cultures, and entire civilizations are shaped one life at a time, and that is how disciples of the Lord Jesus are also formed - one at a time. In two weeks this old liturgical year will end with the Solemnity of Christ the King, and the Savior instructs us to "seek first the the Kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). We seek God's kingdom and his righteousness by acknowledging our sins and rejecting whatever is contrary to the Gospel, for "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1.8-9)

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 10 November

7.30 am	James Nietopski
9.00 am	✱ Stanley Mosser
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 11 November

7.00 am	✱ Miriam Wilson Roark
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Tuesday 12 November

7.00 am	✱ Richard Beauchemin
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Wednesday 13 November

7.00 am	Becket Nielsen
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Thursday 14 November

7.00 am	Anastasia Smith & Family
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Friday 15 November

7.00 am	✱ Sarmiento Family
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Saturday 16 November

5.00 pm	✱ Thomas & Virginia Curley
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 10 November

SMS Book Fair: After all English Masses (G)	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (P)

Monday 11 November

Veterans Day	
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 12 November

10.00 am	SMCCW Meeting
6.30 pm	KofC Meeting (M)
6.30 pm	Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 13 November

9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
4.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm	Religious Education
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 14 November

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 15 November

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 16 November

12.00 pm	Senior Fellowship Luncheon
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 2/3 November

Needed	40,100
Received	41,071
Surplus	+ 971

Poor Box	803
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	761,900
Received	770,477
Surplus	+ 8,577

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
Donations Received	636,311
Still to Go	363,689

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 2/3 November

5.00 pm	304
7.30 am	385
9.00 am	465
11.00 am	359
1.00 pm	517

Total	2,030
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall * All events in Sacred Heart Hall
P - Pazdan Hall C - Clinkscates unless a location is listed
Family Center

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Grace Miller, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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, 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, Eddie Collins, Steve Hughes.

School Book Fair



Help us grow St Mary's School Library! **Shop in person after all English Masses this**

Sunday 10 November in Gullivan Hall. Please visit <https://www.ignatiusbookfairs.com> to shop online from 10-14 November. Thank you for supporting our school.

Christmas Flower Memorials



St Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church, gym and Gullivan Hall for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose.

If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). **Please print** your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than **Sunday 15 December** for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 9/10 November

Capital Improvement Fund
Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Ellie Noelle Pfister and William James Turbervill who were baptized last weekend.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Anna Brunk, Anna Vatalaro, Vivian Gonzalez, Preston & Erin Epley, Luke Porazzo, Jorge & Heidi Márquez, Paul & Alexandra Wells, Finlay & Raelynn Loftus, Colby & Nicole Womack, Russell Roman.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Saturday 16 November at 12.00 noon



Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 for more information.

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.

St Anne's Stitchery Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month from 1.00 pm to 3.00

pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Please contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airamel@aol.com for more information.

DONATE TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HELENE

Our Mobile Clean of Heart unit is in need of:

- towels
- shampoo
- conditioner
- soap
- toilet paper
- razors
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste, etc.



Scan to donate!





ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

November Membership Meeting

All women of the parish are cordially invited

Tuesday, November 12
10:10 am Rosary 10:30 am Meeting
Sacred Heart Hall

Our speaker this month is South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, who will be speaking on how her Catholic faith has shaped her career in government.



Our Lady's Food Pantry Donation: Canned Fruit Lunch will be served.

For More information contact: Lori Grant, President 864.844.4049 call or text
Email: smcwgvl@gmail.com



Hearing Loop at St Mary's



St Mary's now has Hearing Loop for hearing aid users to directly receive the sound from the church's PA system in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device. If you wear hearing instruments you

will need to find out if your hearing aids have this wireless receiver called a T-coil or Telecoil built in, in order to benefit from the hearing loop in our church. The T-coil program is accessed by pushing a button on a hearing aid and has to be activated by your audiologist. Talk to your audiologist to find out if your instruments can have both a T (no background noise pick up) and an MT program (blended micro-phone & T-coil program) for improved hearing at church. For questions about your hearing aids and telecoils talk to your audiologist or email Scott Peyton at wsploop@gmail.com. For more information visit <https://www.usaloops.com> or <https://www.americanloops.com>.



Save the date for the St Mary's Gala on Saturday 1 March 2025 at 6.00 pm. Join us as we celebrate a momentous milestone: our school's 125th Anniversary! Our theme this year is "Garden Gala" in tribute to our patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has long been associated with beautiful flowers. The event will be held on campus at the Baum Center and Clinkscales Family Center and will feature a silent and live auction, catered food from Table 301, an open bar, dancing, and live music by popular local band Randomonium!

The 2025 Gala proceeds will go towards the renovation of the plaza between Mercy and Gallivan Halls including the construction of a covered walkway and other capital projects that may arise. What an exciting time to be a part of St Mary's as we watch our campus footprint grow in both beauty and function!

Sponsorship opportunities are now available at <https://SMMSGardenGala.givesmart.com>. Individual tickets go on sale in December. Please make checks payable to "St Mary's Catholic School." We are also accepting donations for our auction and that form may be found at <https://smsgvl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-St-Marys-Gala-Auction-Form.pdf> or submit your donation online at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/EPP/>.

If you have any questions, please contact our Gala Chair, Sarah Ratcliff, at gala@smcgv.org or call/text 404.432.0750. We thank you for your prayerful consideration to support!

Understand Your Catholic Faith with
***The Catechism in a Year* Podcast**
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Join us as we journey through it together on Fridays from noon to 1 pm.
 Contact cathy@charlestdiocese.org to receive the Zoom invite.

A smartphone screen displaying a podcast player interface. At the top, it shows a photo of Fr. Mike Schmitz and the title "THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ". Below the player controls is a large QR code.

By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

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<https://catholicradioinnc.com>**

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



St Mary's Council of Catholic Women
**2024 Christmas
Ornament**

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

ON SALE NOW

[**CLICK HERE TO ORDER**](#)

Pre-order now. Pick-up at Bake Sale in Pazdan Hall
7-8 December. Click link above to purchase online or
pay by check/mail. \$20.00 each by check or \$21.00
each online. Retired ornaments also available for
purchase online while supplies last.

SMCCW 2024 ORNAMENT PRE-ORDER FORM

If paying by check, complete the form below. Please print clearly. Make
check payable to St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women. Mail form and check
to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602.

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Number of 2024 Ornaments _____ x \$20.00 each (if by check)
Total Enclosed:\$ _____

Questions? Cathy Spitzmiller at 864.380.8091 or thespitzmillers@gmail.com





St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
Next Monthly Parent meeting is 4 December

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@smcgvl.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! Learn more 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 December 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.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestandioecese.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://charlestandioecese.org/job/client-advocate-3/>.

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." ~Rev 1:8

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 3 pm & 8 pm

Wednesday 12 pm

Friday 12 pm

Saturday 7 pm*

Join us for our 4th Annual
Pink & Blue Gala
Friday, February 21, 2025
Discounted Early Bird Ticket Sales start Nov 1

Our gala will be held at the lakeside Fluor Enterprises dining venue in Greenville starting at 6:30pm. You are invited to join us for a Mardi Gras themed evening with fine dining & a live auction.

Our guest speakers will include Bishop Jacques Fabre-Juene, CS & Fr. Rhett Williams!

We can't host a successful event without your help!

If you are interested in sponsoring or have auction items to donate, scan QR code or visit stclareshome.org/pink-blue-gala.

Find out more here!





Contact Colleen Chmiel for Questions
stclaresvolunteer@charlestandioecese.org
843-259-1108



Family Honor Job Opening

Would you like to lead a Catholic organization that works with parents and teens? Are you excited about your Catholic faith and eager to share the truth about the importance of family, the virtue of chastity, and the beauty of God's gift of sexuality? If yes, you may be the person Family Honor is looking for to become our next executive director! Family Honor is accepting resumes from qualified individuals through 1 December. Visit <https://familyhonor.org/jobs/> for job description and other details. Contact amhonor@aol.com or 803.929.0858 with questions. Family Honor, created in 1988 and located in South Carolina, provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family. Family Honor carries out our mission through parent-teen programs and classes for adults.

The Footprints of GOD
St. Joseph Catholic Church & School
1200 Cornelia Road
Anderson, SC 29621

Presents
STEVE RAY



Genesis
Sunday, November 10th at 7:00 PM
The word genesis means "beginning" and this book of Scripture reveals to us our origins, our purpose, our meaning, and God's plan for mankind.

Is the Mass Really a Sacrifice?
Monday, November 11th at 7:00 PM
Discover how our worship continues the ancient tradition of sacrifice, a practice central to Jewish, Roman, Greek, and barbarian worship.



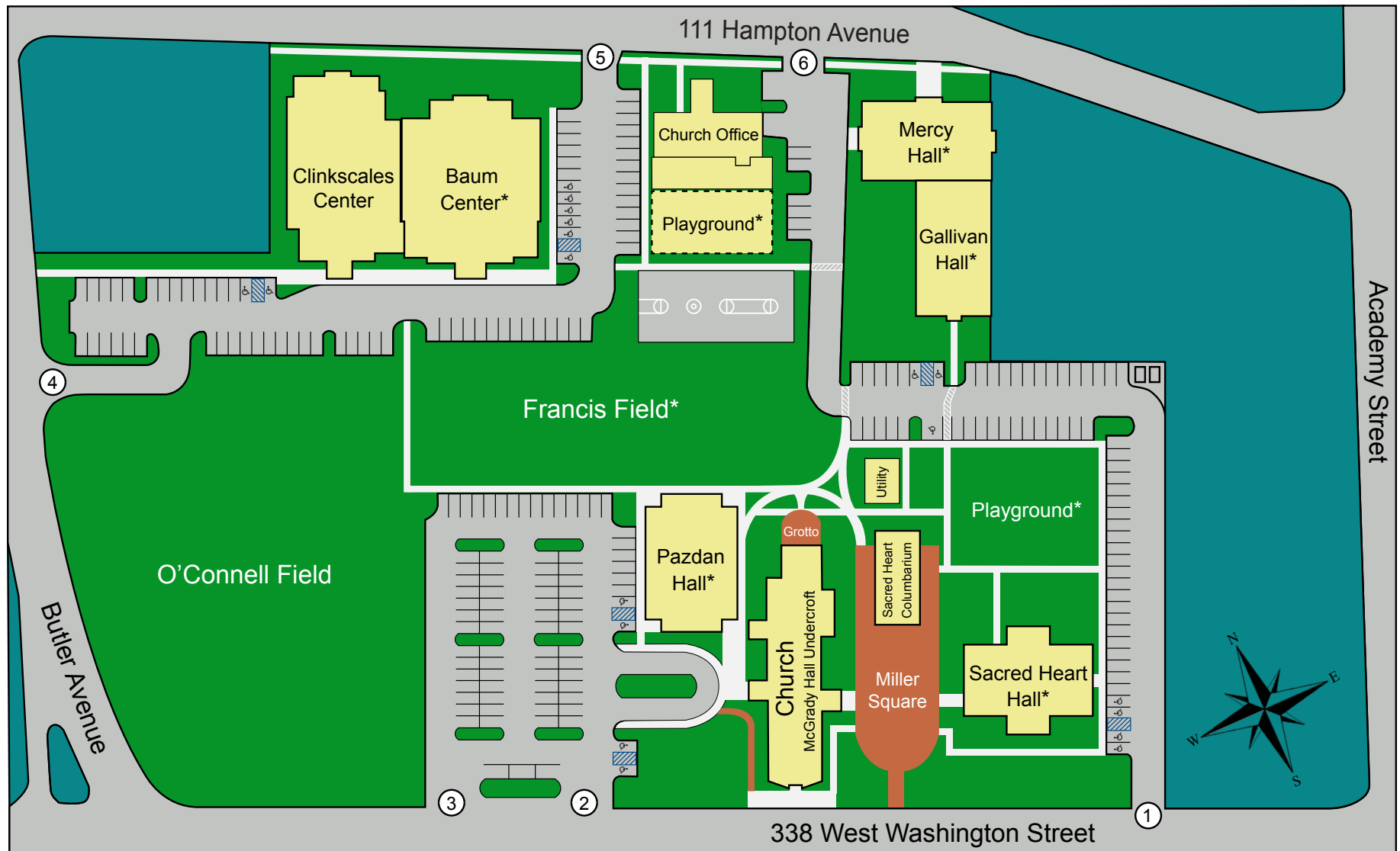
Steve and Janet Ray are the producers of the Catholic DVD series *The Footprints of God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine* which are featured on EWTN and NETFLIX. Steve is the best-selling author of numerous books including *Crossing the Tiber*, the story of his conversion to the Catholic Church. He is in great demand as a speaker for conferences and parishes around the world and is a regular guest on *Catholic Answers Live*, *Ave Maria Radio*, *Relevant Radio*, *EWTN* and many others. Steve and Janet have guided thousands of Pilgrims to Israel and other Biblical Lands.



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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