

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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# Greenville, South Carolina

24 November 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

If Jesus is not Lord of all in my life, he is not Lord at all in my life. That is the way Father Richard John Neuhaus used to make the point that there are no part-time Christians, and on this Solemnity of Christ the King, the Church bids us consider the many ways in which Christ either is or is not the Lord of all in my life.

Becoming an obedient disciple of Jesus Christ is first and last a work of God's grace, but living under the lordship or dominion of Christ requires our cooperation with his grace. And that is why the Church's mission to the nations begins with Christ's 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)

By our Baptism we are called to repent of our sins and receive the Gospel as a complete, coherent, comprehensive way of life, and this we do by becoming disciples or students of the Lord Jesus. But to live as true disciples of Christ, everything about us must be measured and guided by the Gospel: our thoughts, words, deeds, relationships, spending habits, political convictions, religious beliefs, leisure activities, lifestyle choices, business decisions... in sum, everything. Moreover, this total surrender to Christ is not a restriction of our freedom; this is the evangelical freedom of the children of God - not the license to do whatever we want but the liberty to do everything we should. As the Lord Jesus teaches, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8.32)

But how are we to do this? How are we to allow Jesus Christ to be Lord of all in our lives? We begin by knowing the Gospel, believing the Gospel, living the Gospel, and sharing the Gospel with others, and the privileged place for this to happen is in the sacred liturgy, the source and summit of the Church's life. Then what begins in prayer finds expression in our service of those in need and our witness in the public square to the liberating truth of the Word of God. Right worship, right belief, and right living are the most compelling testimony we can offer to the world that the Son of Mary is the Son of God and the shepherd king of all creation, and we grow stronger in that public witness by following the Way of the Cross and embracing radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism. The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for this Solemnity expresses this great mystery in these words:

"Almighty and eternal God... you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption, and making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Father Newman

# **Calendar of Events**

### **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

# **Meetings & Events \***

#### **Sunday 24 November**

7.30 am Nicholas Sufczynski 9.00 am Aleshire Family 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### **Sunday 24 November**

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study

11.00 am Spanish Bible Class 5.00 pm Vespers (church)

6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

#### **Monday 25 November**

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7.00 am ★ Clarence Murphy Watters 6.3

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

#### **Tuesday 26 November**

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7.00 am Beatrice Elster & Family

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

#### Wednesday 27 November

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7.00 am ★ Michael Jerome Stewart

Parish Office Closes at 12.00 Noon No Holy Hour & Confessions No Religious Education Classes

#### **Thursday 28 November**

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Thanksgiving Day - No Mass,

**Church Closed** 

Thanksgiving Day - Parish Office Closed

#### Friday 29 November

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7.00 am K

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Parish Office Closed

### **Church Closed After Mass**

#### Saturday 30 November

#### Saturday 30 November

5.00 pm

♣ Amy Marie Noel

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

#### G - Gallivan Hall P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall C - Clinkscales

Family Center

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

### **Financial Report**

#### Weekend of 16/17 November

 Needed
 40,100

 Received
 42,016

 Surplus
 + 1,916

Poor Box 1,042

#### Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 842,100

 Received
 854,163

 Surplus
 + 12,063

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** 

**Total** 

**Received** 770,998

Still to Go 229,002

### **Mass Attendance**

# Weekend of 16/17 November

5.00 pm	332
7.30 am	367
9.00 am	481
11.00 am	413
1.00 pm	539

2,132

## **Liturgical Schedule Changes**

No Holy Hour and Confessions on the following Wednesdays

27 November, 25 December, 1 & 22 January

### Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Logel, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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.

#### **Christmas Flower Memorials**



St Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church, gym and Gallivan 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

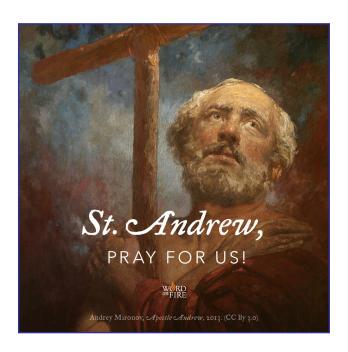
or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). Please print your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than Sunday 15 December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

# Parish News

### Collection for 23/24 November

Guatemalan Mission Support of the Parish

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



# **Thanksgiving Holiday Closures**

Mass will not be celebrated on Thursday 28 November (Thanksgiving Day) and the church will be closed all day. After the 7.00 am Mass on Friday 29 November the church will be closed all day. The parish office will close at 12.00 pm on Wednesday 27 November and will reopen on Monday 2 December at 9.00 am.

# **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@smcgvl.org.

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Toys for Tots**



The Knights of Columbus 13112 kindly request your support for the Toys for Tots program to assist children affected by Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina. Many children, particularly those aged 1-2 and 9-13, are in urgent need of toys and gifts this holiday season. Your generous donations can bring joy and hope to these vulnerable families during a challenging time. Please drop off your

unwrapped new toy valued at \$10 or more at the trailer parked in the church parking lot the weekend of 23-24 November. Together we can make a significant difference in these childrens' lives. Please contact Grand Knight Tom Giambarberee at thomasgia80@gmail.com with questions. Thank you for your support!

### Free Throw Championship



Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 will hold its Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of 1 January 2025) at St Mary's Baum Center on Saturday 7 December at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from Megan Holliday or

John McGrath. Secondary school athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. Please contact John McGrath at 864.270.3656 for more information.

# **High School Youth Group**

St Mary's High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6.00 pm in McGrady Hall. All parishioners of high school age are welcome. Contact Chris Ortiz at chris.ortiz@smcgvl.org for more information.

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

#### **Sewing Ministry**

The group will meet Tuesday 26 November 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.





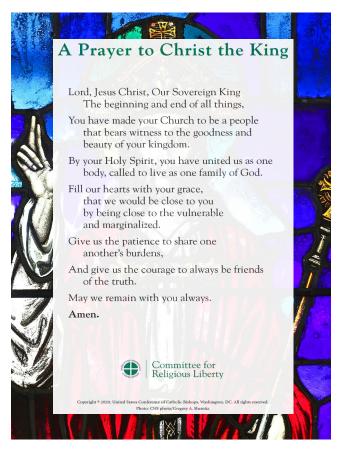


Save the date for the St Mary's Gala on Saturday 1 March 2025 at 6.00 pm. Join us as we celebrate a momentous milestone: our school's 125th Anniversary! Our theme this year is "Garden Gala" in tribute to our patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has long been associated with beautiful flowers. The 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://SMSGardenGala.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@smcgvl.org or call/text 404.432.0750. We thank you for your prayerful consideration to support!

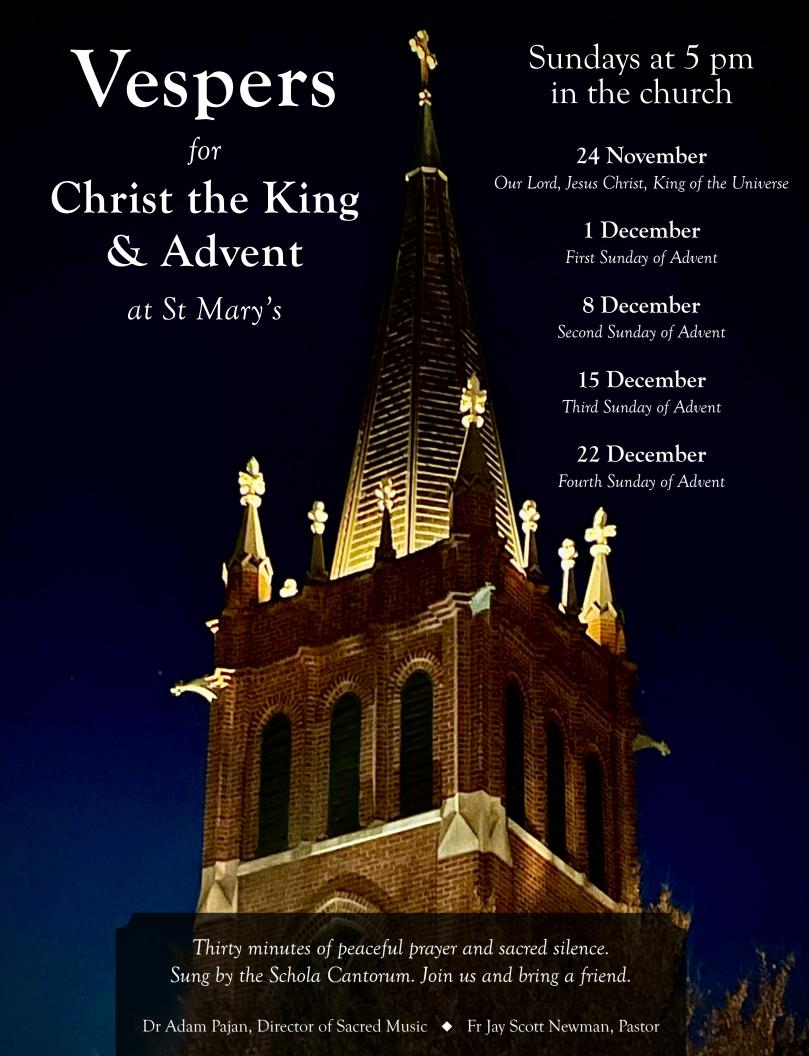


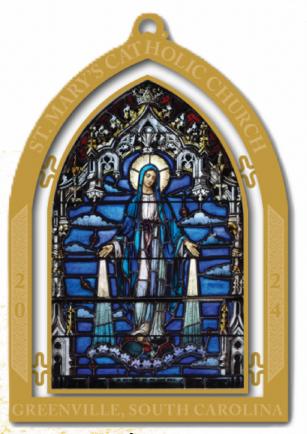
# Hearing Loop at St Mary's



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.







St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

# 2024 Christmas Ornament

Bur Lady of the Miraculous Medal



# **ON SALE NOW**

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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**

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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		
<b>Address</b>		
Email		Phone
	Number of 2024 Ornaments	x \$20.00 each (if by check)
	Total Enclosed:\$	

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

# Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Poinsett Club 807 E. Washington St.

SMCCW cordially invites all women of St. Mary's to join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon. Please bring a donation of food (no sweets) for a Christmas gift basket for the 16 sisters of the Monastery of St. Clare.

Name:
Guest Name(s):
Phone:
Email:
SMCCW Member? Yes No
Number of Lunches: Ax \$32 =
Bx \$28 =
Cx \$26 = Years of Service
1925 - 2025
TOTAL = by check* payable to SMCCW -OR- by online

payment. Please see back for link and QR code (\$1 convenience fee added for online registrations). Deadline to register - Tuesday, December 3

\*Mail this form & check to: SMCCW, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

Contact: Lori Grant at smccwgyl@gmail.com

# A) Chicken Crepes \$32\*

Tender braised chicken with garden vegetables wrapped in a French crepe topped with champagne cream sauce served with a side of asparagus.

### B) Chicken Dijon \$28\*

Crispy Chicken cutlet topped with a creamy Dijon sauce with spinach. Garnished with bacon. Served with mashed potatoes and buttered green beans.

### C) All-American Salad (Vegetarian) \$26\*

Mixed greens, strawberries, Mandarin oranges, candied pecans, dried cranberries and blue cheese crumbles with a balsamic vinaigrette.

Cookies, Coffee and Iced Tea Included
Wine \$7/glass

Click here to register or use the QR Code below.







# St Mary's Religious Education



#### **Happy Thanksgiving**

Religious Education Grades 1-8 NO RE CLASSES THIS Week

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Parents meet 1st Wednesday of the Month** 

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 <u>Inactive</u> and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgvl.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@smcgvl.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@smcgvl.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://charlestondiocese.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.

# 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.

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# ${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

#### **Prince of Peace**

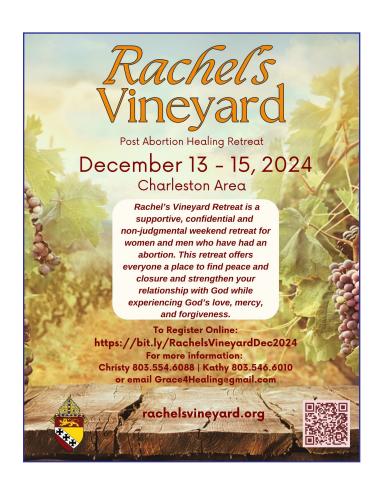
"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." ~Rev 1:8

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 <u>please consider</u> one of the following hours of need (\*urgent open hour!):

Wednesday 12 pm Thursday 4 pm\* Friday 12 pm



https://catholicradioinsc.com









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 at https://charitiessc.org.







Join us for four hours of prayer: the rosary, recited every hour and adoration.

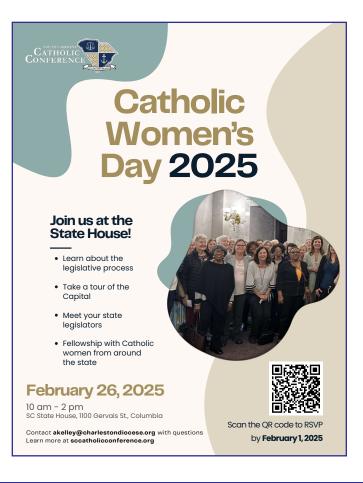
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The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion.

Contact: Kim at kimberlydoire@yahoo.com or Maureen at respectlife@ollchapin.org 803-932-6032

The annual National Night of Prayer for Life invokes the Blessed Mother under the titles of The Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1531, (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. This four hour prayer vigil is designed to unite the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with that of St. Juan Diego, the peasant who brought the message of Guadalupe to the world.

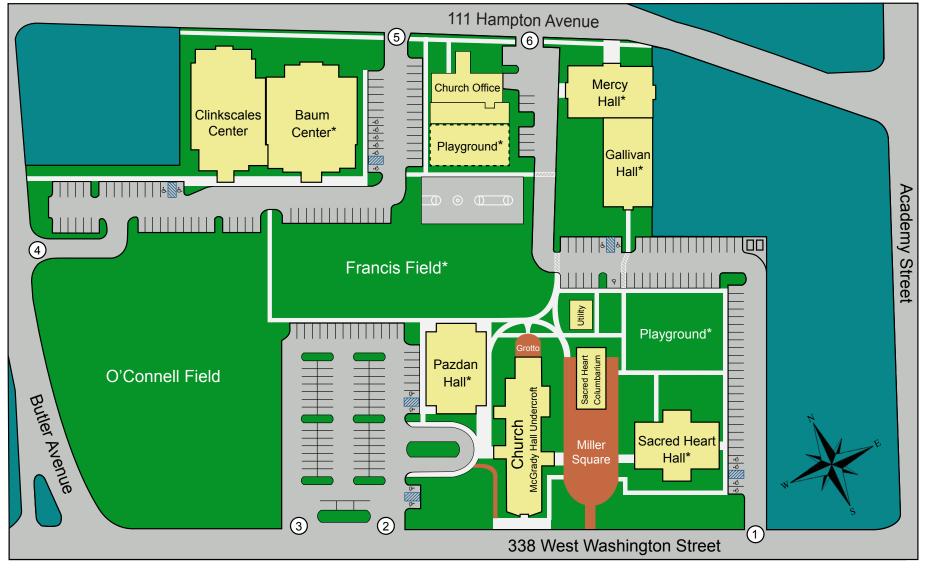
\*Note this year our celebration was moved from the 8th to the 9th due to the feast day falling on a Sunday this year.



#### **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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