



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

12 January 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The vast majority of Christians, including almost all Catholics, are baptized when they are infants, and this is most fitting. The sacraments are instruments of God's grace, and even newborn babies need the grace of God. Moreover, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it, "The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism," and for this reason "The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church." (CCC 1250, 1252). But along with the indisputable benefits of baptizing infants comes a special danger: those who are baptized before the beginning of memory will have no recollection or understanding of the most important day in their lives, and unless the fact and meaning of their Baptism is explained to them as they grow and receive the Gospel with saving faith, then they will not know that they have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit and have been made children of God, members of Christ, and heirs of the Kingdom.

Today the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord Jesus by his kinsman and herald, John the Baptist. Jesus received the Baptism of John not for the forgiveness of sins (because He had none), but in order to transform a religious ritual washing of the Old Covenant into the first sacrament of the New Covenant. The Baptism of Jesus is also the acceptance of His mission as the Father's suffering servant, and Jesus allows Himself to be numbered among sinners in order to free us from our slavery to sin. In the waters of the Jordan, the Son of Mary is anointed with the Holy Spirit and is thus revealed to be the eternal Son of God and in His sacred humanity to be the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One of God. Finally, by accepting Baptism from John, the Lord Jesus is also accepting and anticipating His own suffering and death. For this reason, each Christian is united to the death of the Lord Jesus through Baptism so that we can live the life of the new creation by grace through faith in Jesus the Christ.

All of this makes our Baptism the single most important event in our entire lives; it is the original sacrament of faith and the beginning of the life of grace. But unless we understand the meaning of this supernatural second birth, we risk misunderstanding the whole of the Christian life. For this reason, parents and godparents have the sacred duty to teach children who are baptized about the day of their Baptism and lead them to mature faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. As part of this mission to give the Gospel to all the baptized, I encourage every parishioner to find out when and where and by whom you were baptized. Resolve to keep the anniversary of your Baptism each year as a day of special celebration, and evaluate your relationship with the Lord Jesus in the light of the promises of your Baptism, which we are each asked to renew every year on Easter Sunday. And with St. Paul, I "urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4.1-6)

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 12 January

7.30 am ✱ Cynthia Kirchhoff
 9.00 am Respect Life
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 13 January

7.00 am ✱ Bob Scoggins

Tuesday 14 January

7.00 am ✱ Nelly Restrepo

Wednesday 15 January

7.00 am ✱ Aili Rose Flodder

Thursday 16 January

7.00 am Miros Family

Friday 17 January

7.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman

Saturday 18 January

5.00 pm ✱ Fernando Valenzuela

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 12 January

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

Monday 13 January

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 14 January

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

Wednesday 15 January

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

Thursday 16 January

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 17 January

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 18 January

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 4/5 January

Needed 40,100
 Received 42,771
 Surplus + 2,671

Poor Box 1,924

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,122,800
 Received 1,145,312
 Surplus + 22,512

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.

2025 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal 1,000,000

Donations Received 121,995

Still to Go 878,005

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 4/5 January

5.00 pm 449
 7.30 am 286
 9.00 am 447
 11.00 am 308
 1.00 pm 470

Total 1,960

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday 22 January

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leonard Morris, 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, Albert Normandin.

Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. All closings due to inclement weather will be announced through Flocknote emails/texts. If you do not receive the weekly emails/texts on Friday morning with the links to the eBulletin and Mass programs please email jenni.dillard@smcgvl.org to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

Friday Morning Bible Study

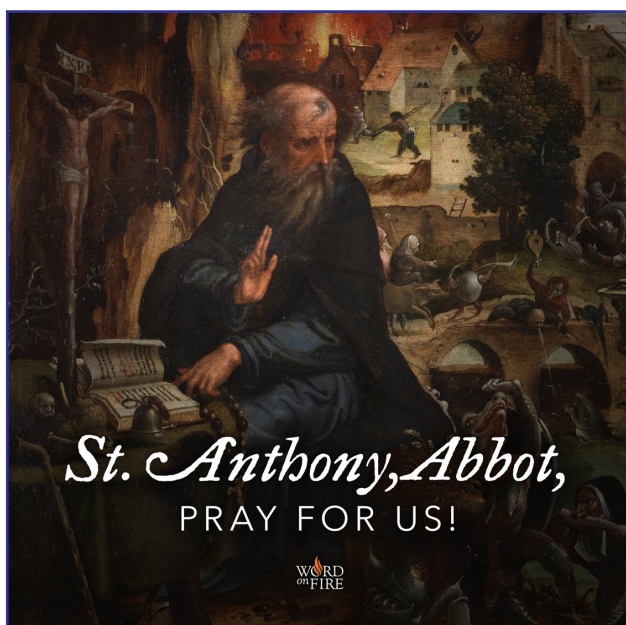
Friday Morning Bible Study is studying the Old Testament and will begin a study of the Book of Exodus on 17 January. We meet at 10.00 am in Bishop England Room (second floor of Sacred Heart Hall) and also pray the Rosary. Contact Pat Webb at 864.419.0467 or patwebb1010@charter.net for more information as books are being ordered now.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 11/12 January

Capital Improvement Fund
Support of the Parish

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



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday 20 January for the Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

2024 Tax Statements

Tax statements will now be automatically generated through your Flocknote account. Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4102 with questions. Thank you.

Congratulations to

Amelia Jane Wylie who was baptized recently.



2025
HAPPY NEW YEAR

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

JANUARY

Membership Meeting

TUESDAY, JAN 14

10:10 AM ROSARY 10:30 AM MEETING

SACRED HEART HALL

Our speaker this month is Tami Kiser. Tami will be speaking on her faith journey through women's apostolates and Heart Ridge Ministries.

Our Lady's Pantry donation:
Canned Vegetables and/or Feminine Products.
Lunch will be served.

For more information contact:
Lori Grant, President
864-844-4049 call or text
blessedmom864@gmail.com




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.

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 is now studying Revelation by Ascension Press. Join us after Mass 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 resulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.



SMCCW CELEBRATING
100
Years of
Service
1925 - 2025

Welcome 2025

SAVE THESE DATES!

Events Sponsored by St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Fridays of Lent After Stations of the Cross
Soup & Sandwich Suppers

Saturday, Feb. 8 After 5 p.m. Mass
Mamma Mia! Spaghetti Supper


Saturday, May 10 After 5 p.m. Mass
SMCCW 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Saturday, June 21 After 5 p.m. Mass
Corpus Christi Procession and Parish Picnic



st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION VIRTUE EXCELLENCE




Priority Testing Dates

January 11, 2025
February 8, 2025

Schedule your school tour
864.679.4117
nelle.palms@smcgv1.org

Grades
K3-8



☙ Cognia Accredited
☙ National Blue Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 ☙ smcgv1.org

St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 125 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 316 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

Full-time Kindergarten Teacher - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced, very organized, passionate for elementary education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

Highly-Qualified Middle School History / Social Studies Teacher - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced with teaching History and Social Studies to middle school students, very organized, passionate for elementary education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Compensation is highly competitive and scales with experience. This position is available as either full-time or part-time.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@smcgv1.org.

Knights of Columbus

Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to our Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Winners!

First Place: Jade Alate
Second Place: Adrienne Falk
Third Place: Ross B Plyler, Jr



Save the Date!

SATURDAY,
MARCH 1, 2025 - 6:00PM

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://smcgv1.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@smcgv1.org or call/text 404.432.0750. We thank you for your prayerful consideration to support!



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Program Family Prayer Night this week.
Come to Hoy Hour as a family before Class this week on Wednesday 15 January.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Next Monthly Parent meeting is 5 February

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@smcgv1.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.

Learn more on the parish website at <https://smcgv1.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/>
Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgv1.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 10 March 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.

Join us for our 4th Annual
Pink & Blue Gala
Friday, February 21, 2025

Discounted Early Bird Ticket sales end Dec. 15th

Early Bird Ticket Sales Extended to Jan 15!

You are invited to join us for a Mardi Gras themed evening with fine dining and a live and silent auction to support our moms and babies that we serve. Our gala will be held at the beautiful, lakeside Fluor Enterprises dining venue in Greenville starting at 6:00pm.

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

We can't host a successful event without your help! If you are interested in sponsoring our event or have auction items to donate, scan QR code below or visit stclareshomesc.org/pink-blue-gala.

Find out more here!




St. Clare's Home
 RESTORING HOPE - SAVING LIVES

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

February 22 in Greenville, SC

Join us!

Dum Spiro Spero
WHILE I BREATHE I HOPE



BELONGING '25
 Catholic Conference for Women



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." ~John 1:14

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 9 pm
- Monday 12 pm*
- Tuesday 6 pm
- Wednesday 12 pm, 6 pm & 11 pm
- Thursday 1 am* & 8 pm
- Friday 12 pm

HIS WAY AT WORK
 ASSOCIATION OF CONSECRATED COMPANIES

EMBRACE GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Are you a business owner looking to make a difference in the world? Register for our upcoming Consecration Mass, where you can set your business apart for His purpose.

REGISTER TODAY!
 Monday, January 27
 Consecration Mass
 St. Mary Magdalene




HEART OF RIDGE
 Retreat and Cultural Center

Arise Mother/Tween Daughter Retreat

A CHANCE TO HANG OUT,
 TALK ABOUT SOME IMPORTANT GIRL MATTERS (LIKE YOUR CYCLE)
 PLAY GAMES, DO CRAFTS, AND HAVE FUN!

Jan. 31- Feb. 1





CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

Marriage Anniversary Mass

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 16 11:30 AM

with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH
2229 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204

PLEASE REGISTER
<https://bit.ly/2025-marriage-mass>


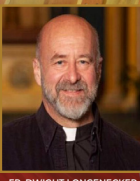


SAVE THE DATE!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

With Fr. Dwight Longenecker

March 27 - 31, 2025

FR. DWIGHT LONGENECKER




Girlstown
Witness how the Sisters of Mary provide education and vocational skills training to children

Pyramids at Teotihuacan
Enjoy an excursion to the pyramids, followed by a tour of Old Mexico City

Daily Mass
Celebrate Mass at the world-famous Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tepeyac Hill
Climb Tepeyac Hill, where St. Juan Diego received the apparitions of Mary

ACT FAST! Be the first on the list to receive formal details when registration opens.

Scan the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) to receive details for registration in early January.



CHRIST ON MAIN

Visit the Bookstore/Gift Shop!
Tuesday - Saturday 11 am to 5 pm
14 S Main Street, Greenville SC, 29601








Looking for volunteers!

Call Charlie at 574.261.2293

- ◆ Baptismal & First Communion Gifts ◆
- ◆ Rosaries, Crucifixes, Sacramentals ◆
- ◆ Books & Exquisite Catholic Art ◆



Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestdiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

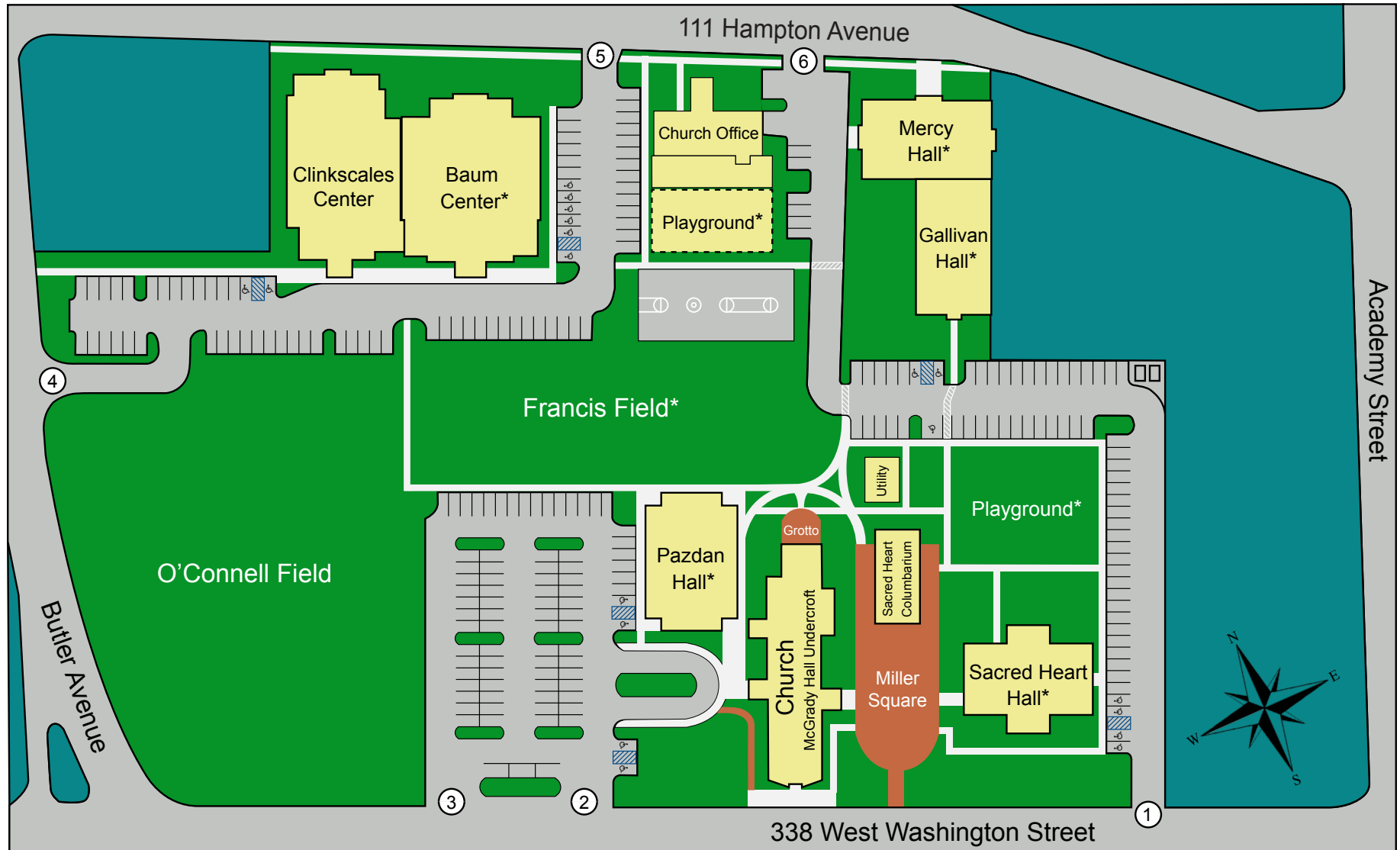
Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help unload a truck and help restock our shelves on Mondays from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Please contact Silvia Loaiza at sloaiza@charlestdiocese.org or 864.331.2629 for more information.

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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