



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

9 February 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Gender dysphoria is the experience some people have of an incongruity between the sex of their body and their feelings of gender identification, and such dysphoria is a true psychological burden for those who struggle with this interior conflict. But while we must always be compassionate in the face of the suffering of others, we must also continue to bear witness to the immutable truth that human nature is divided into two and only two sexes: male and female.

Both right reason and divine revelation affirm that the sex of persons is not assigned by choice; it is disclosed by biological fact. And neither is sexual identity the result of one's own subjective perception or the cultural constructs of others. The sex of each person is determined at the cellular level in the womb, and the sexual reality of the body cannot be changed by any technique of surgery or therapy.

Until the last few decades this view of human nature was universally accepted in every culture, but one dimension of the sexual revolution has been to question the very foundations of what male and female are and to assert that gender identity is radically different from biological sex. From that starting point, a cultural, medical, and legal revolution has unfolded throughout the Western world, and the absurd claim has been made that each of us is always free to choose our own gender and that everyone else must respect our choices no matter what biology says about these matters.

And so in the name of compassion for those who experience gender dysphoria, the revolution moved to the claim that all legal and cultural distinctions between male and female are arbitrary and that to avoid injustice every individual and institution in society must submit to the claim of each person to choose his own gender identity. For the past several years this madness has held the high ground in the political, legal, medical, academic, and entertainment fields, and from public rest rooms to athletic teams to military units to prisons, it seemed that this revolution was irresistible. But it only seemed that way.

Right reason is now reasserting itself in many ways, at least in the United States and the United Kingdom, and I suspect that the power of the gender hustle will soon collapse throughout the West. But the wreckage of the revolution is all around us, and many people have been deeply wounded in the chaos. If you want to learn more about these matters and help others find peace and healing, I suggest two resources.

Biological Integrity (<https://biologicalintegrity.org>) is a project of the American College of Pediatricians, and Person and Identity (<https://personandidentity.com>) is a project of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. Both of these websites contain useful information to help us find calm in the storm and bring right reason back to public life.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 9 February

7.30 am Matthew Jaffeaux
 9.00 am ✱ Gordon & Kathleen Shoro
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 10 February

7.00 am Ben & Emily Quattrone

Tuesday 11 February

7.00 am Lucia Restrepo

Wednesday 12 February

7.00 am James Nietopski

Thursday 13 February

7.00 am Mary O'Connor

Friday 14 February

7.00 am ✱ Barbara Scoggins

Saturday 15 February

5.00 pm ✱ Ann M Kelly

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 9 February

Souper Bowl Collection: After all Masses
 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 10 February

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 11 February

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

Wednesday 12 February

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 13 February

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 14 February

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 15 February

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 1/2 February

Needed	40,100
Received	38,789
Shortage	- 1,311

Poor Box	165
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,283,200
Received	1,305,526
Surplus	+ 22,326

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
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Donations Received	248,443
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Still to Go	751,557
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 1/2 February

5.00 pm	388
7.30 am	293
9.00 am	402
11.00 am	340
1.00 pm	435

Total	1,858
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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, Angelo Bautista Campos.

Souper Bowl Sunday



We will be collecting monetary donations to help Our Lady's Pantry after each Mass. Soup kettles will be placed in the vestibules of the church this Super Bowl weekend, 8 & 9 February.

Friday Morning Bible Study

Join us in studying the Book of Exodus. 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.

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@smcgv.org.

Congratulations to

Moses Denali Kuehnert and Benjamin John Quattrone III who were baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 8/9 February

Capital Improvement Fund
Support of the Parish

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



2024 Tax Statements

Tax Statements are available through your Flocknote account. Please log at <https://smcgv.org/flocknote.com/login>. Enter your email address and you will have access to your account. Open up a new window in your browser with your profile. Select the Giving tab to view your giving information and tax statements. At the bottom of that tab, you'll see a section called *Donor Summaries for Taxes*. Click on the summary that you'd like to have automatically downloaded to your computer. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgv.org. Thank you.

You're invited!

to our 4th Annual Mamma Mia!

Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, Feb. 8 Pazdan Hall

Early seating 5 - 6 pm Main Seating 6 - 7:30 pm

Purchase your tickets by Feb. 1 Dine In or Carry Out
Limited tickets will be available at the door

Adult \$16.00 Child \$8.00

Family 2 adults and 2 children \$45.00

Large Family 2 adults, unlimited children same family \$60.00

Pay with check by mail to: SMCCW, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602 ATTN: Mamma Mia! Please include email to receive confirmation. OR [Click here](#) to pay online or use the QR Code below. Convenience fee applied. Proceeds support SMCCW's charitable giving to St. Mary's. Questions: smccwgl@gmail.com



Sponsored by St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women & St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

SMYA PRESENTS

FEBRUARY 22, 2025

MARDI GRAS

4th Annual Dance

SCHEDULE

6:30 PM - DOORS OPEN
7:00 PM - DINNER SERVED HOT
7:30 PM - SWING DANCE LESSON
8:15 PM - SWING DANCING
9:00 ON - OPEN DANCE FLOOR

BYOB
21+ ONLY
SWING DANCE LESSON BY
PAUL MILLER
GALLIVAN HALL
SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPUS

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Rosary 10:10 am Meeting 10:30 am
Sacred Heart Hall

This month is our Annual Business Meeting. The meeting will include the nomination and voting for our 2024-25 slate of officers. Our Lady's Pantry donation: Cooking Oil and Feminine Products. Lunch will be served.

For more information contact:
Lori Grant, SMCCW President
864.844.4049 call or text
blessedmom864@gmail.com

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@smcgv.org

Grades
K3-8

Cognia Accredited
National Blue Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 smcgv.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.

Elementary & Early Childhood Teaching Assistants - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is required.

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



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 Clinkscapes 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://smcgv.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!



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Next Monthly Parent Meeting is 12 March

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.



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**?

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 95 parishes, 21 missions, 32 Catholic schools, and multiple ministries throughout the Diocese of Charleston and the state of South Carolina.

Can the funds raised by the **Catholic Appeal** be used for anything other than their stated purpose?

No! Donations to CASC are restricted for use to the stated ministries, programs and Catholic education **only**. Your donations directly support and grow these missions — they *are not* to “keep the lights on” at the Chancery.

Does my gift make a difference, even if it's small?

Yes! Each of us must discern what we can give in response to God's generosity to us. All intentional gifts are acts of good stewardship and faith. Together, everyone in the diocese makes a tremendous difference — accomplishing far more than any one of us could on our own. Mother Teresa reminded us, “Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

LEARN MORE!

Please contact the Office of Stewardship & Mission Advancement
charlestdiocese.org/catholic-appeal
843-261-0438 | catholicappeal@charlestdiocese.org

Why should people give to the **Catholic Appeal**?

God bestows gifts and talents on us to spread his love and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are stewards of these gifts that include our time, talent and financial resources. Jesus taught us, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (*Mt 25:40*). Let's go forth, together, as good stewards of God's grace and support each another!

Why do we need these ministries & programs?

The ministries supported by the Appeal provide tangible ways to assist many in need, to support Catholic education and formation of young people, to provide seminary training for our future priests, and grow our charitable Catholic community. We are called to serve and invite others into communion with Jesus Christ and his Church by living out the Gospel. The Catholic Church offers outreach and services to the needs of people in our diocese throughout the Palmetto State.

What's the difference between the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** & the Bicentennial Campaign?

The Church's mission is advanced in important ways through the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina and the Bicentennial Campaign. The Appeal supports the daily operation of critical ministries throughout our state. The Bicentennial Campaign funds more strategic, comprehensive, long-range and larger scale initiatives to help the Church serve its people and prepare for doing the Lord's work in the future.

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.

The Joshua Tree Play



Fr Dwight Longenecker is the author of *The Joshua Tree*, an allegorical theatrical production produced by the Middle School students at Our Lady of the Rosary School. Don't miss this exciting, moving and meaningful family drama. Performances run from Thursday 13 February through Saturday 15 February. Purchase tickets (\$5 for students and \$10 for adults) at <https://olrtheater.booktix.com/dept/main/e/TJT>. Contact boxoffice@olrschool.net with questions.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"Prayer is the silent path that leads us straight to God's Heart; it is the breath of the soul that restores peace to us in the storm of life." ~Pope Benedict XVI

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 12 am,* 10 am* & 12 pm*

Tuesday 6 am* & 6 pm

Wednesday 6 pm & 11 pm

Saturday 8 pm

Nationwide Mass Times

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

<https://masstimes.org>

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

February 22 in Greenville

Dum Spiro Spero
WHILE I BREATHE
I HOPE



BELONGING '25
Catholic Conference for Women
www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging



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.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

Marriage Anniversary Mass

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 16 11:30 AM

with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

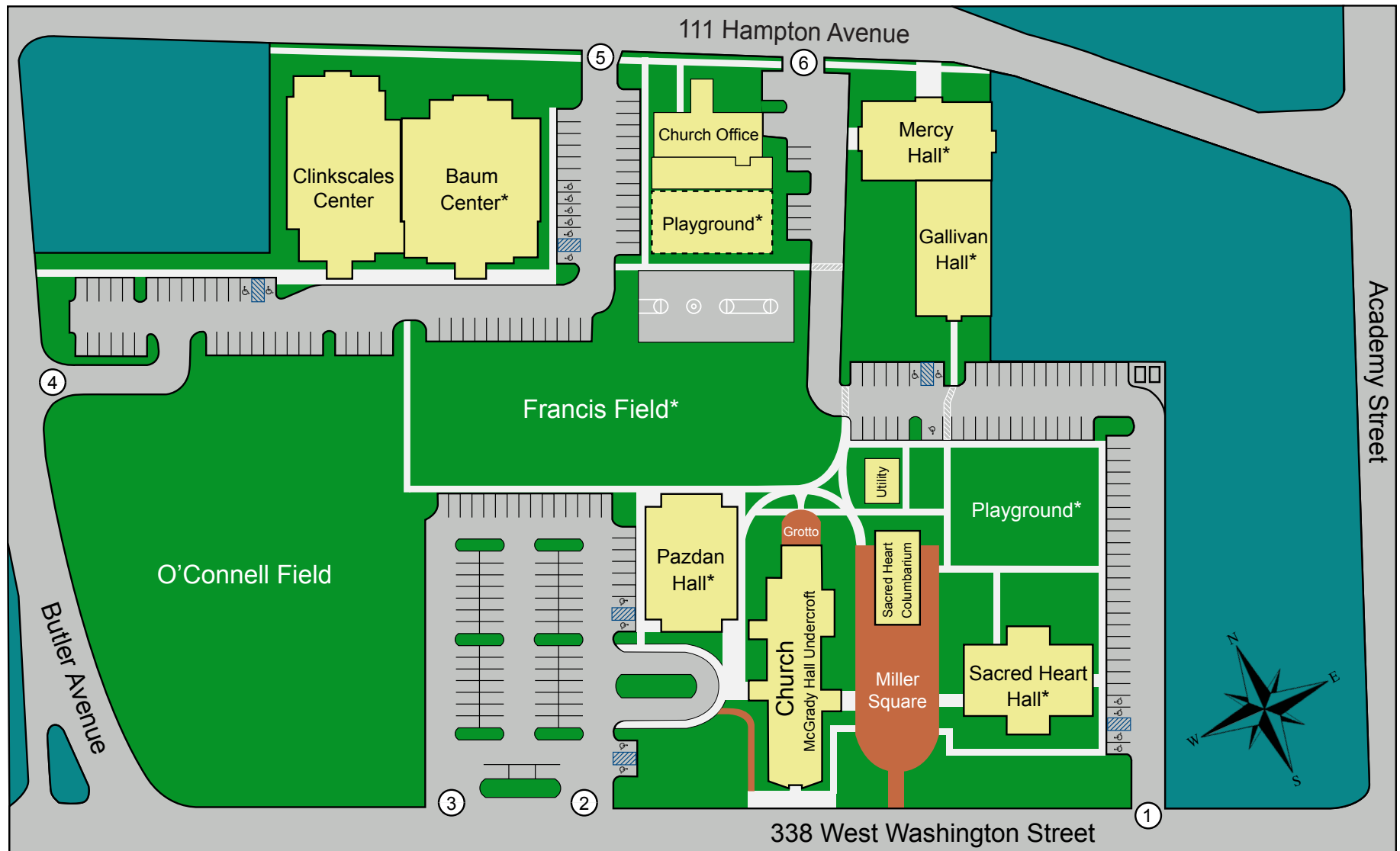
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH
2229 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204

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

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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