



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

2 March 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 5 March, and each one of us is called by the Lord Jesus to a deeper conversion as we prepare to celebrate the Passover of the Lord at Easter. During the coming 40 Days, let us strive to live in fidelity to the promises of our Baptism which we will renew at the Easter Vigil and at all the Masses on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection. "Are you unaware," Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, "that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6.3-4).

To live the new life of Baptism requires that we first die to sin and self and learn to live for Christ, and the disciplines of Lent are meant to help us in the lifelong work of living by grace through faith in the Son of God through the means of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are some of the practical ways we can do that during the 40 Days:

- ✠ come celebrate Vespers at 5 pm on each Sunday of Lent and bring a friend.
- ✠ give alms by placing a donation in the Poor Box at each door of the church, the gifts to which go to feed the hungry at Project Host on Academy Street.
- ✠ go to Confession on a Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6 pm or a Saturday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Go early this Lent, and do not wait until Holy Week when the lines will be long.
- ✠ attend Mass on the weekdays of Lent at 7 am Monday through Friday.
- ✠ push back from every meal before you've had enough. Through your body's hunger for food be mindful of your soul's hunger for the Lord, a hunger that is satisfied only when we give ourselves without reservation in the obedience of faith to the Gospel. And on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent abstain from meat and fast as your health and age allow.
- ✠ invite a lapsed Catholic to return to the practice of the Faith by joining you at Mass or Vespers one Sunday in Lent. A gentle invitation is often the only thing needed to bring a soul back to the Lord Jesus.
- ✠ pray the Liturgy of the Hours in whole or in part by using the app called iBreviary, the monthly publication called Magnificat, or the booklet available from Word on Fire
- ✠ come walk the Way of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6 pm and stay for supper after prayer.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. So repent, and believe in the Gospel!

Father Newman

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

Ashes will be distributed at all liturgies.

7.00 am	Low Mass (church)
12.00 noon	Sung Mass (church)
7.00 pm	Sung Mass (church)
7.00 pm	Spanish Mass (Baum Center)

Ashes may be received by everyone without exception.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, beginning 7 March

6.00 pm in the church

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent, beginning 9 March

5.00 pm in the church

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2025

Each year the holy season of Lent provides us a special time of grace and spiritual renewal so that we may become better instruments in sharing the Gospel.

This year, **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, falls on 5 March. The present laws of the Church regarding fast and abstinence during the Season of Lent are as follows:

1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast**. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.
2. **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays of Lent** are also days of **abstinence**. On days of abstinence, meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

The Obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The Code of Canon Law states:

"On these days (of Penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence..."

May this Holy Lenten Season provide us an opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through a life of deeper prayer, penitential practices, and works of charity.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 2 March

7.30 am Jack Gevaert
 9.00 am ✱ Victor Costigliola
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 3 March

7.00 am ✱ William Logel

Tuesday 4 March

7.00 am ✱ Jayne Russell

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday

7.00 am Lucia Nielsen
 12.00 pm ✱ Patricia Astemborski
 7.00 pm Pro populo

Thursday 6 March

7.00 am ✱ Patricia Heilenbach

Friday 7 March

7.00 am Cassandra Gomes

Saturday 8 March

5.00 pm ✱ Roman Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 2 March

Baby Bottles Distribution: After All Masses
 Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)
 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)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 3 March

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery
 6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 4 March

6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 5 March

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
 No Introduction to Catholicism
 or Religious Education Classes

Thursday 6 March

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 7 March

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
 6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)
 followed by Lenten Supper (P)
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 8 March

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
 After 5.00 pm Mass: Return Baby Bottles

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 22/23 February

Needed	40,100
Received	38,690
Shortage	- 1,410

Poor Box	223
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,403,500
Received	1,429,874
Surplus	+ 26,374

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.

2025 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	339,777
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Still to Go	660,223
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 22/23 February

5.00 pm	322
7.30 am	348
9.00 am	422
11.00 am	360
1.00 pm	461

Total	1,913
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Lenten Devotions

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6.00 pm in the church
followed by Lenten Supper in Pazdan Hall

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent at 5.00 pm in the church

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, James Smith, 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, Karen Krings.

Volunteer Counting Team Needed

We are currently seeking at least four volunteers to form a Collection Counting Team. Counting usually happens in the parish office on Monday mornings beginning at 9.30 am and lasts about two hours. It would be on a rotating basis. If you like attention to detail and would like to help fill this parish need, please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

Congratulations to

Perry Myers & Hunter Davis who were married last weekend.



All are invited to enjoy a wonderful spread of doughnuts, bagels and freshly brewed coffee in Pazdan Hall dining room after 9.00 am Mass. Join fellow parishioners for fellowship and refreshments.

PARISH NEWS

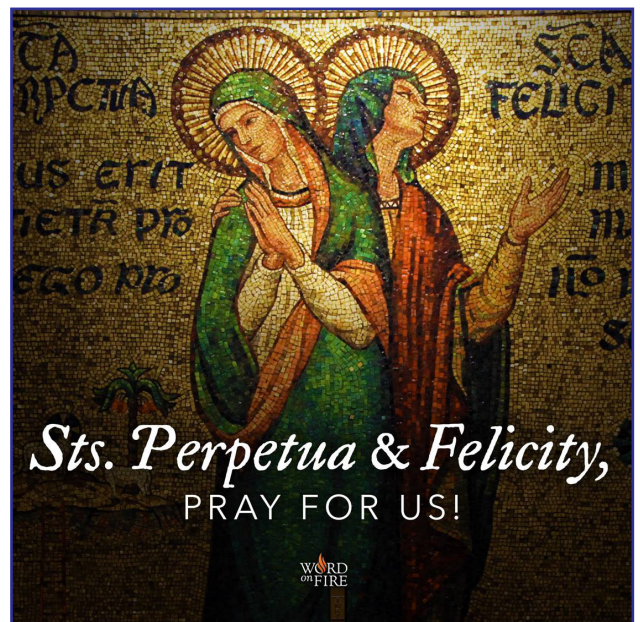
Collection for 1/2 March

Capital Improvement Fund
Support of the Parish

Collection for 5 March - Ash Wednesday

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://smcgvl.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@smcgvl.org. Thank you.

BIRTHRIGHT
of Greenville

You Can Make
a Difference



 Baby Bottle Boomerang

Bottles are Here!

Please consider taking home a baby bottle from Birthright of Greenville, a local pregnancy resource center. Place your donation inside and return the bottle to church next weekend.

Birthright will use these funds to provide assistance to women and their babies. Your gift helps change the world, one life at a time.

Prefer to donate online?
Visit www.birthrightgvl.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 Maggie Simons at maggie.simons54@gmail.com or 612.695.0903 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@smcgv.org.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Scholarship

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women established this scholarship award in 1998 to support young Catholic women of our parish in their post high school academic endeavors.

BASIC INFORMATION

\$1,000 AWARD

Recipient receives a one time award to be used towards tuition, books, etc.

ELIGIBILITY

Female graduating senior in 2025 and member of St. Mary's parish with plans to continue her education.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 15, 2025

APPLICATION LINK

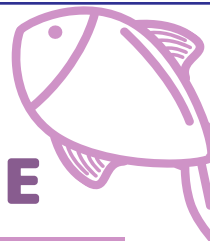
[Scholarship Application](#)

Questions?

Lori Grant, President
864.844.4049 Call or Text

APPLY TODAY

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



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 microphone & 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 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@smcgv1.org.

Register for Vacation Bible School 9-13 June 2025



<https://vbspro.events/p/1ba50d>

Child Participant (rising K5-5th Grade)
Student Volunteer (rising 6-12 grade)
Adult Volunteer

Contact Linda Jackson with questions
linda.jackson@smcgv1.org 864.679.4110

please join saint mary's
schola cantorum in singing

solemn vespers

sundays during lent

5.00 pm

9 march

16 march

23 march

30 march

6 april

13 april



prayer ✠ plainchant ✠ polyphony



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

NO RE Classes this week. Attend Ash Wednesday Services as a family.

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@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.

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 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.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.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"No one who believes in Him will be put to shame."
~Romans 10:8

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 12 am* & 10 am*

Tuesday 6 am & 6 pm

Wednesday 6 pm & 11 pm

Friday 3 am*

Saturday 8 pm* & 9 pm*

40 Days for Life



40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach for the purpose of

ending abortion. You are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign from 5 March through 13 April. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> to sign up for local events. Please contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid at 864.329.0044 with questions.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally is Tuesday 4 March at 6.30 pm in the parking lot of Christ the King Church (1223 Grove Road, Greenville). Guest speaker will be Dr John Carrano, founder of Flourish, a unique, Christ-centered, best-in-class family medical care and OB/GYN. Pastor Wallace Purvis from Woodside Church of God will offer the opening prayer. Deacon Bob Connor from Our Lady of the Rosary and Upstate coordinator for 40 Days for Life will lead the closing prayer. Please join us for singing, refreshments and door prizes! Parking is on the premises.

Sidewalk Counseling Training Online/virtual training and in-person training available. Contact Judy Masterson at 864.506.0964 or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

Icon Painting Workshop

St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting



July 7-12, 2025
St. Rafka Catholic Church
Greenville, South Carolina

Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Saint Gabriel icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great opportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon.

Your tuition fee of \$800 includes all materials including boards brushes, pigments etc.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For enrollment and more information, visit the website <https://theodoreicons.com/sc>

or contact the instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos at: theodoreicons@gmail.com

MEN'S RETREAT



Son, Brother, Father---A Prodigal Retreat

Deacon John Breeden from St Patrick's Catholic Church (Charleston) will lead the retreat with Keith Kiser, with Sacramental assistance of the Most Rev Robert E Guglielmone.



At Heart Ridge Retreat Center

www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MensRetreat



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>.

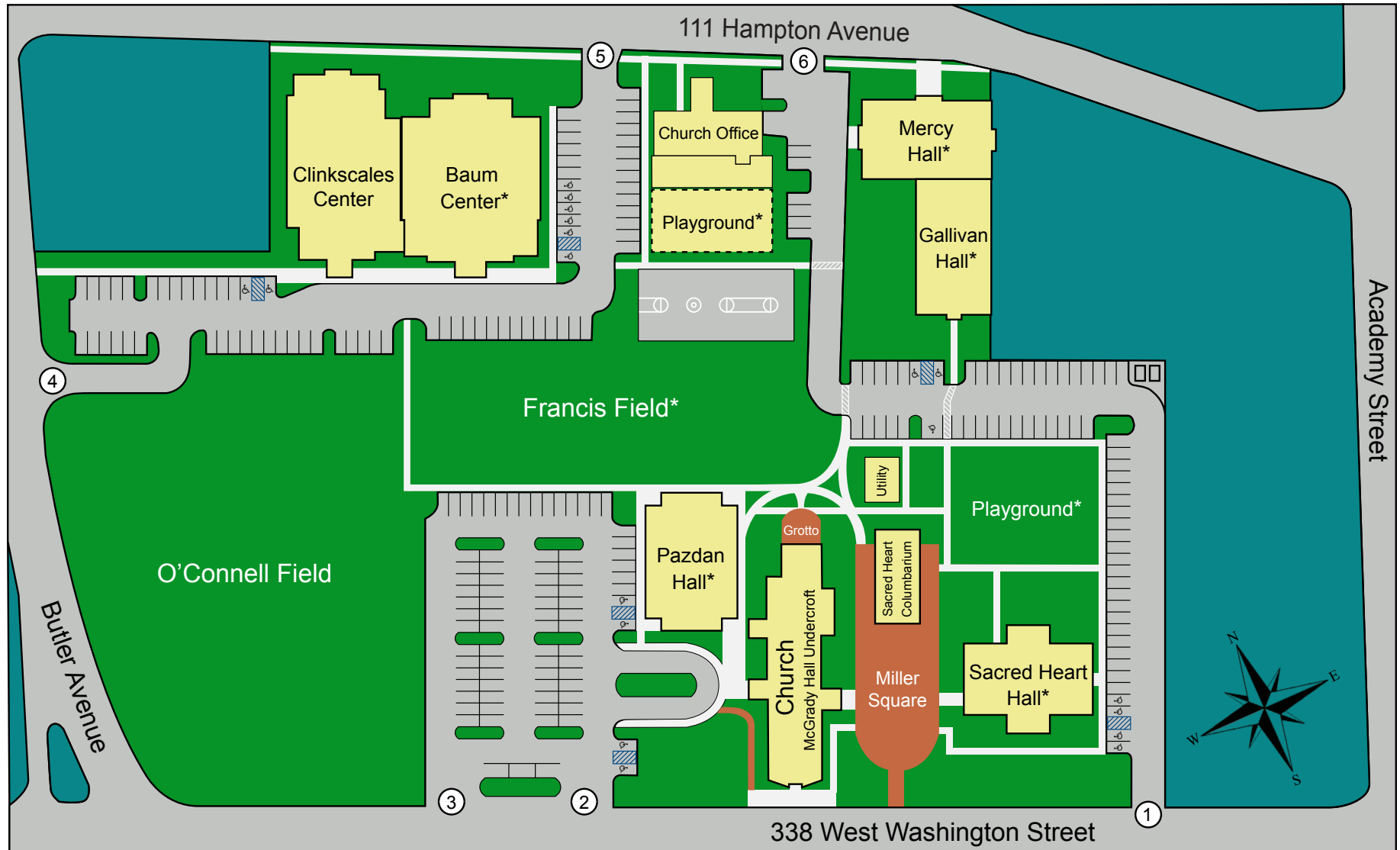
Volunteers Needed

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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