



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

9 March 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

From today through Pentecost, we will be using the Apostles' Creed at Mass instead of the Nicene Creed. This is a practice suggested by the Roman Missal because the text we call the Apostles' Creed is so directly connected to the sacrament of Holy Baptism, the promises of which we renew every year on Easter Sunday.

The full title for what we call the Apostles' Creed is the Baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, and in this case the word "symbol" means the mark of Christian faith summarized in the creed. This text was not written by one of the Apostles, but it does accurately state the essentials of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. In the early Church, many dioceses founded in the Age of the Apostles had their own local profession of faith that was used in the sacred liturgy during the Baptism of adult converts, and that is the origin of this Baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church. It is the ancient profession of faith used in the Diocese of Rome by those being baptized, and we still use this text in a question and answer format at every Baptism in the Roman Rite and during the renewal of our Baptismal Promises on Passover or Easter Sunday.

Because the 40 Days are a preparation for the worthy celebration of the Passover of the Lord and because Mass on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection always includes the renewal of our baptismal promises, a central purpose of Lent is brought into bright relief. All Christians live in the gap between who they are and who they should be, and who we should be is revealed by the grace of Holy Baptism in which we become children of God, members of Christ, and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. Striving to close that gap and live according to the dignity of our Baptism is the goal of the 40 Days of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving, and closing that gap is first, last and always a work of grace rather than a mere exertion of our wills. Nevertheless, we are called to the obedience of faith — meaning that we must cooperate with God's grace and strive to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, rejecting whatever is contrary to the Gospel.

The text of the Apostles' Creed is found in the missalette on page 94 and it will be printed in our Mass booklet each week, and this is the Profession of Faith we will use at Mass in place of the Nicene Creed starting today and continuing through Pentecost Sunday. On the Day of Resurrection, the priest will introduce the Renewal of Baptismal Promises with words that can guide us through these 40 Days: "Dear Brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church."

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 9 March

7.30 am ✧ Ray Jackson
 9.00 am Julia Lesley
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 10 March

7.00 am ✧ Neil de Lira

Tuesday 11 March

7.00 am Patrick McLeod

Wednesday 12 March

7.00 am ✧ Manuel Jose Soto

Thursday 13 March

7.00 am Angela Thompson

Friday 14 March

7.00 am ✧ Ella Mae Blessing

Saturday 15 March

5.00 pm Nicholas Sufczynski

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 9 March

Daylight Savings Time Begins
 Baby Bottles Return: After All Masses
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)
 5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

Monday 10 March

6.30 pm Fraternalus (P)

Tuesday 11 March

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

Wednesday 12 March

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 March

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 14 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 15 March

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 March

Needed 40,100
 Received 42,870
 Surplus + 2,770

Poor Box 253

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,443,600
 Received 1,472,744
 Surplus + 29,144

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 421,424

Still to Go 578,576

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 1/2 March

5.00 pm 357
 7.30 am 326
 9.00 am 422
 11.00 am 344
 1.00 pm 430

Total 1,879

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie Collins, 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, 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@smcgv1.org.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 8/9 March

Black & Indian Home Missions
Support of the Parish

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



Time Change Reminder



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday 9 March. Remember to *spring* your clocks forward 1 hour.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Congratulations to

Cameron Elaine Baum who was baptized last weekend.

Judith Gomes & Vikash Patel who were married last weekend.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Baby Bottle Collection

Reminder, we are collecting baby bottles
this weekend.

Please return your bottles to the bins
in the church vestibules.

As always, we appreciate your generous
donations which benefit the moms and
babies who come to Birthright for help.

Prefer to donate online?
Visit www.birthrightgvl.org

Friday Morning Prayer

Want a Lenten practice for the next forty days?
Come join in the universal prayer of the Church (The
Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours) on Friday
mornings during Lent at 6.30 am in the church and
then stay for Mass at 7.00 am.

2024 Tax Statements

Tax Statements are available through your
Flocknote account. Please log in 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.

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

March

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

ROSARY 10:10 AM MEETING 10:30 AM
SACRED HEART HALL

Our speaker this month is

Theresa Gevaert who will be speaking about her faith
journey that led her to develop Incora, a women's
health tracker earring.

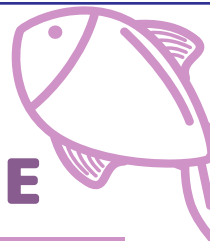
Our Lady's Food Pantry Donation: mayonnaise, ketchup
and/or feminine hygiene products.

Lunch will be served.

All women of the parish are cordially invited.

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

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.

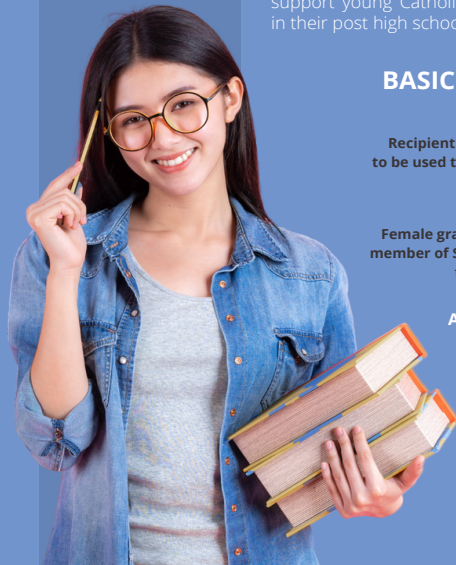
For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



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

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@smcgvl.org 864.679.4110

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@smcgvl.org.

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

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Monthly Parent Meeting this week 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.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.

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



March 5 - April 13
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.

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

Walking With Moms In Need

The Walking With Moms in Need diocesan program is looking for volunteers who can give a fraction of their time to help moms. Do you have marketing, IT or budgeting skills, a good head for bargains/resources, can translate (Spanish/English), prepare a meal or drive someone to a food pantry? Please call or text 864.791.5080 for details.

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

VIA ZOOM AND FB LIVE @NFPS



Join us online
Seven Sorrows Rosary for Infertility

MEDITATION | GROUP SHARING | INTRO TO HOPE INFERTILITY MINISTRY



"The prayer itself was the most relevant. It was the first time I've heard it and was very powerful. It made me feel comfortable" - 2024 attendee

March 28, 2025 | 7:00 PM (EST)

Register in advance : <https://tinyurl.com/7sorrowsinfertility>



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>.

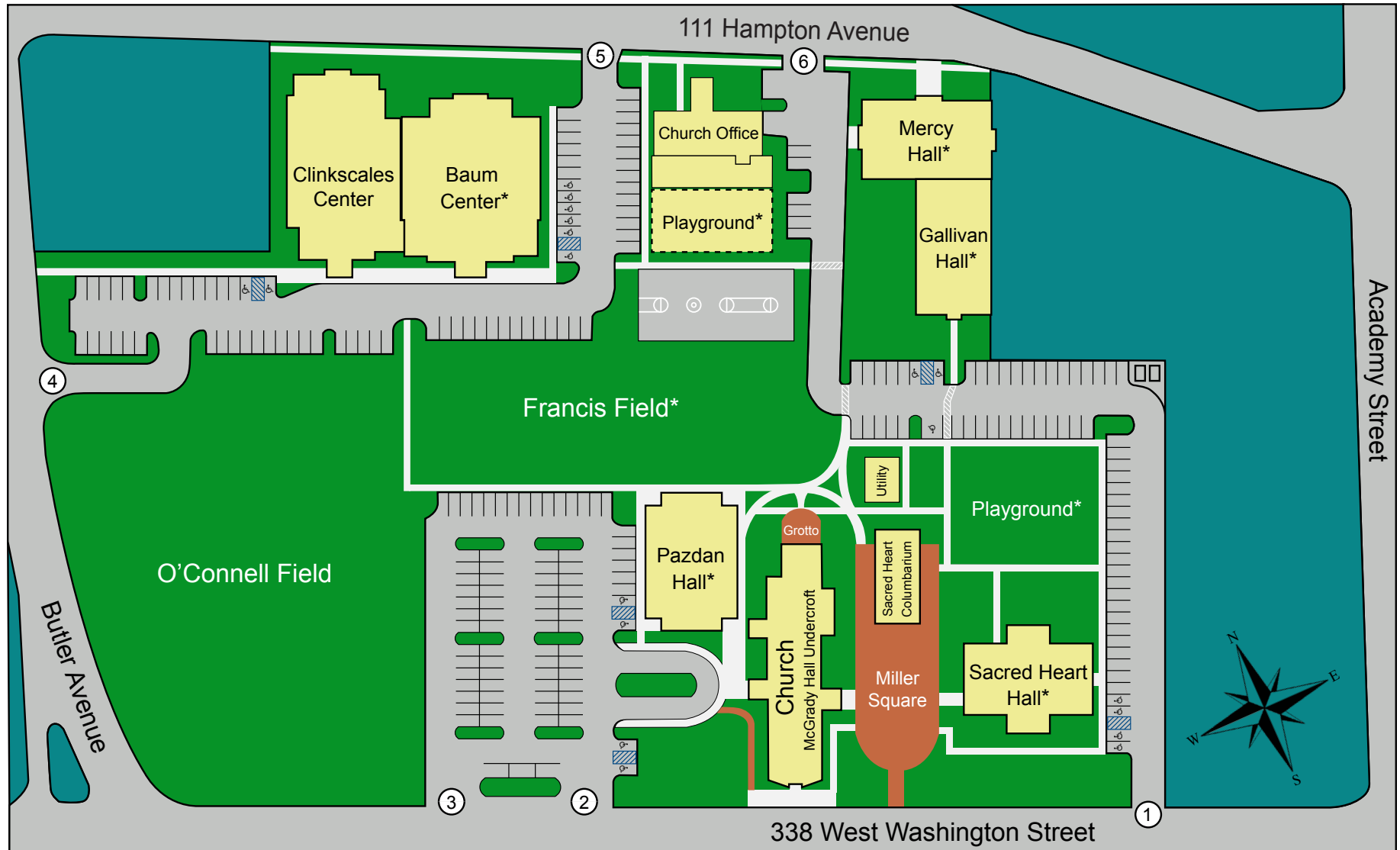
Volunteers Needed

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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