



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

16 March 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Nicene Creed we confess that Jesus Christ is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,” and these words are an emphatic affirmation that the man who is the son of Mary is also the divine Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. But the Light which we confess Christ to be is not the created light which sprang forth at the of dawn creation when the Father commanded: Let there be light! No, Christ Jesus in his divine nature is the bearer of the uncreated Light which is the brightness of divine glory, and in the Christian East that is often called Tabor Light as a reference to the holy mystery of Christ’s Transfiguration on Mount Tabor.

The Transfiguration is described by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and every year the Gospel appointed for the Second Sunday of Lent is an account of that event. The Lord Jesus takes the inner circle of the Twelve with him up a high mountain - identified by tradition as Mount Tabor - to prepare them for the tribulation to come, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the significance of the event: “From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master ‘began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed and on the third day be raised.’ Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus’ Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus’ face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking ‘of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.’ A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’” (CCC 554)

“For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter’s confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order ‘to enter into his glory.’ Moses and Elijah had seen God’s glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah’s sufferings. Christ’s Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God’s servant, the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit ... The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he “will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body. But is also recalls that ‘it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.’” (CCC 555-556)

Standing in the transfigured glory of the Lord Jesus, Peter was filled with both fear and awe. He could scarcely look at the brightness of Christ’s glory, and yet he could not imagine leaving that sacred place. The brightness of the cloud at Tabor and at Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan is the same brightness that blinded Saul on the Damascus Road, that burst forth in the bush which burned before Moses without being consumed, and that filled the Meeting Tent and the Temple as a sign of God’s presence among his people. At this Mass we rejoice to be in the presence of the Light from Light, even as we prepare to go down from the mountain of the sacred liturgy and give witness to Christ by joining him in the Way of the Cross.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 16 March

7.30 am ✘ Alexis Quartararo
 9.00 am ✘ Leo D'Souza
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 17 March

7.00 am ✘ Argemira Palacio

Tuesday 18 March

7.00 am ✘ Christine Sufczynski

Wednesday 19 March

7.00 am ✘ Kurt Kramer

Thursday 20 March

7.00 am ✘ Patricia Grace Miller

Friday 21 March

7.00 am Joe Beauchemin

Saturday 22 March

5.00 pm Evelyn Lane

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 16 March

Parish Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P)
 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)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 17 March

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 18 March

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group
 6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 19 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 20 March

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 21 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 22 March

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
 C - Clinkscles
 Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 8/9 March

Needed 40,100
 Received 42,562
 Surplus + 2,462

Poor Box 1,932

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,483,700
 Received 1,515,306
 Surplus + 31,606

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 423,105

Still to Go 576,895

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 8/9 March

5.00 pm 351
 7.30 am 270
 9.00 am 395
 11.00 am 422
 1.00 pm 426

Total 1,864

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 Deborah Childress Bennett, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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 15/16 March

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina
Support of the Parish

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



Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast! This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 16 March.**

For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes.

Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

Easter Flowers



Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use your Easter Flower Offering envelope or a plain white envelope for your donation. **Please print your name and the names of those you wish to honor.** Memorial requests must be received no later than **Friday 11 April** for the names to appear in the Easter Flower list. Thank you for your support.

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://smcgv1.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@smcgv1.org. Thank you.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 18 & 25 March from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.

Free Throw Championship Winners

The Monsignor Charles J Baum Council 13112 winners of the District Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship are Charlotte Voigt, Brynn Tollefson and Watson Betz. Congratulations to our winners! They have the opportunity to compete in the State Basketball Free Throw Championship in Columbia.

BIRTHRIGHT
of Greenville



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Thank You!

For Your Support and
Celebrating the Gift of Life

Thank you for participating in our baby bottle fundraising campaign.

Your generous donations allow Birthright to continue providing loving support to pregnant women, moms, and babies.

Birthright provides confidential and nonjudgmental pregnancy testing, maternity and baby clothes, and needed baby items.

It's not too late to donate:
Please visit www.birthrightgv1.org

Southeastern Women's Retreat: ARISE!

DATES: APRIL 26-27, 2025
(REGISTER BY MARCH 21)

HERITAGE RETREAT CENTER
979 LOCUST GROVE ROAD SE
CRAWFORDVILLE, GA 30631

COST FOR SATURDAY ATTENDANCE
8 AM - 4 PM \$125 (includes lunch)

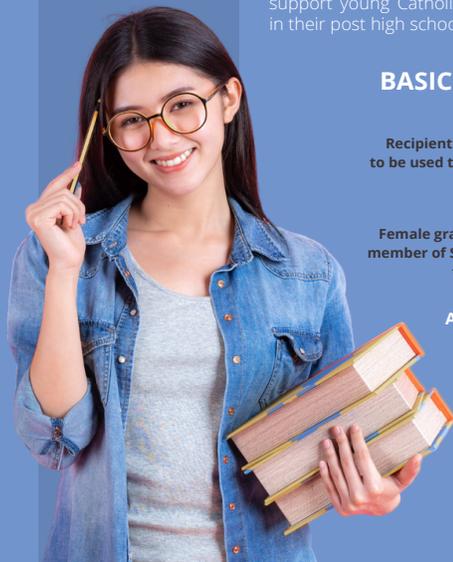
CONTACT: SARAH HANKES
EMAIL: SEWOMENSRETREAT@GMAIL.COM

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW!



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

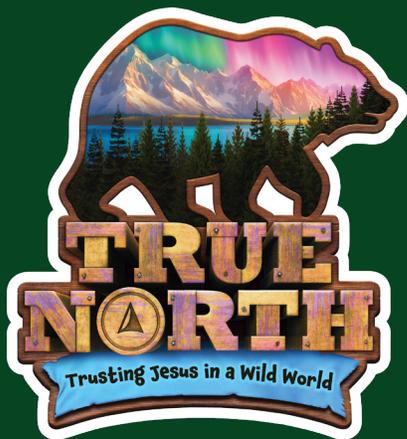
[Scholarship Application](#)

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

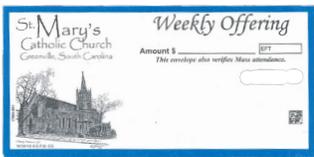
Adult Christian Formation

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 16 June 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 11 pm

Friday 3 am

Saturday 8 pm & 9 pm*

40 Days for Life



40DAYSFORLIFE
March 5 - April 13

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.

Worldwide FertilityCare Week Meeting

Join fertility care practitioners on 27 March at 6.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene Parish Life Building (room 106) to discuss the wisdom of the Creighton Model and NaProTechnology in addressing women's health needs and finding real solutions for real women's health problems, including endometriosis, premenstrual syndrome (PMS), postpartum depression, irregular cycles, infertility, and more. The 30-minute presentation will be followed by at least 30 minutes of Q&A (questions can be posed anonymously). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/WisdomNaPro>. Contact Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com or Karen at karenmeyer.napro@gmail.com with questions.

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 @NFPSC



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>.

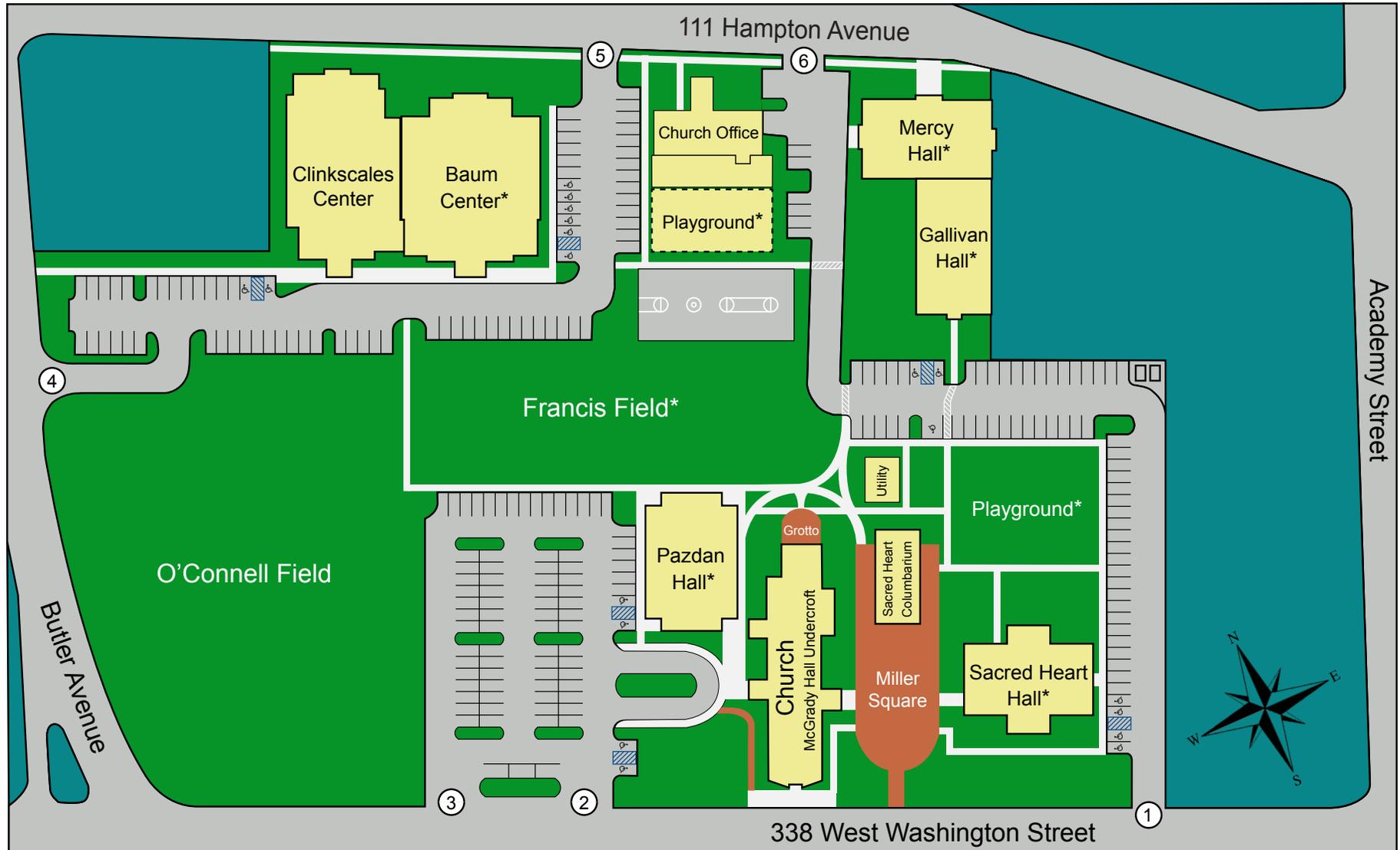
Volunteers Needed

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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