



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

30 March 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Bishop Jacques is calling all Catholics in South Carolina to follow for the next five years what he calls the Via Fidelis, and by this he means that during these five years we will all seek to become more effective missionary disciples who lead others to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. This journey of faith is yet another expression of what Pope Saint John Paul the Great called the New Evangelization and what I call Evangelical Catholicism. But whatever name we give to this effort, it is not a program or movement in the Church; it is simply the way we should live our faith and share it with others.

The first principle of Evangelical Catholicism says that “the Lord Jesus is the crucified and risen Savior of all mankind, and no human person can fully understand his life or find his dignity and destiny apart from an authentic friendship with the Lord Jesus. It is not enough to know who Jesus is; we must know Jesus.” This last distinction is crucial for a life of genuine discipleship. It is possible to know who Jesus is without ever really knowing Jesus, and those who merely know who he is cannot be participants in Christian faith and life; they are spectators only. But how do we come to know him? How can we have an authentic friendship with the Lord Jesus?

The Savior himself gives us the answer to these questions in his teaching recorded in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John. The scene is the Upper Room at the Last Supper, a setting which gives special urgency to the words of the Lord Jesus: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told everything that I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.” (John 15.9-16)

As with any friendship, our friendship with Christ deepens over time as we come to know the Holy Scriptures more thoroughly, as we learn to pray more devoutly, as we seek to serve those in need with greater charity, as we acquire a Christian view of the world more completely, and as we surrender ourselves in love to Christ and his Church with greater conviction. During these 40 Days, as we prepare to renew the promises of our Baptism when we celebrate the Passover of the Lord, this deepening of our friendship with the Lord Jesus should be our constant goal and guide, and that, in turn, prepares us to fulfill the eighth principle of Evangelical Catholicism: “All the baptized are sent in the Great Commission to be witnesses of Christ to others and must be equipped by the Church to teach the Gospel in word and deed. An essential dimension of true discipleship is the willingness to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and the readiness to explain his Gospel.”

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 30 March

7.30 am	Maddox Family
9.00 am	John Lesley
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 31 March

7.00 am	Joe Waters
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Tuesday 1 April

7.00 am	* Paul E Vellano
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Wednesday 2 April

7.00 am	Kevin Young
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Thursday 3 April

7.00 am	* Judy Roberts
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Friday 4 April

7.00 am	Max Feltes
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Saturday 5 April

5.00 pm	* Ella Mae Blessing
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 30 March

After All Masses: KofC Food Drive	
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 31 March

6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
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Tuesday 1 April

6.30 pm	Fidelis (P)
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Wednesday 2 April

7.30 am	Wit & Wisdom Bible Study (M)
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 3 April

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 4 April

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 5 April

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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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 22/23 March

Needed	40,100
Received	42,066
Surplus	+ 1,966

Poor Box	943
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,563,900
Received	1,598,809
Surplus	+ 34,909

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	451,700
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Still to Go	548,300
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 22/23 March

5.00 pm	336
7.30 am	315
9.00 am	420
11.00 am	351
1.00 pm	430

Total	1,852
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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, Micael Venerdi.

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.

Wit & Wisdom Bible Study

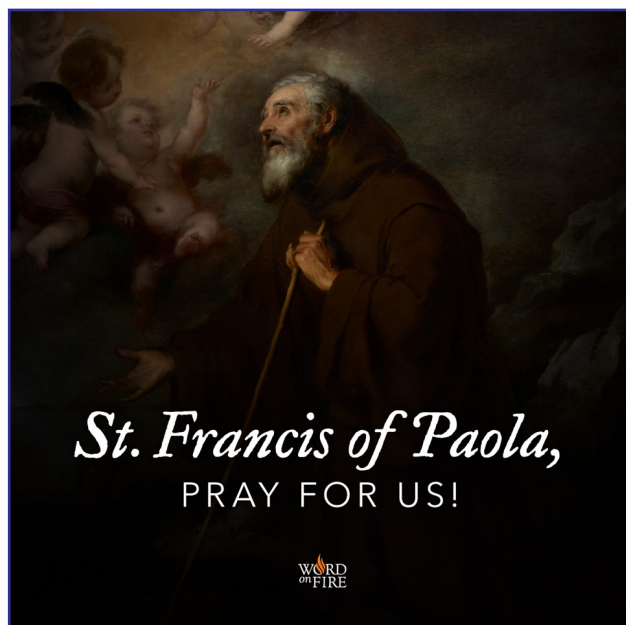
The Wit & Wisdom Bible Study group meets each Wednesday morning to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday liturgy. We gather after daily Mass in McGrady Hall (church undercroft). The meeting is co-ed and hybrid (in-person and Zoom). The Zoom meeting is from 8.00-9.00 am at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85980245341?pwd=TWZocW5te mFDQlcwQ2I4RWQwREFvUT09>. Contact Bob Markaway at rmarkway@bellsouth.net with questions.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 29/30 March

Catholic Relief Services
Support of the Parish

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



Daily Mass Readings

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

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.



Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.



Knights of Columbus Council #13112 invites you to participate in a food drive in service of

Our Lady's Pantry

Drop off before Masses on
Saturday & Sunday 29-30 March

Suggested Donations based on current needs

FOOD

RICE

GRAINS

CANNED FRUITS

CANNED VEGETABLES

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY

PASTA

PASTA SAUCE

BREAKFAST ITEMS -

CEREAL, OATMEAL

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"I hope y'all realize just how important you are to all of us. You all give us a blessing and a reason to smile on days like this. God bless you."

Our Lady's
Pantry serves
approximately
300+ families
a month!



Drop off at Our Lady's Pantry
blue box van in the church parking lot

Monetary donation checks can be made out to **Catholic Charities**. Please note **OLP Greenville** on the memo line.

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

Saint Mary's Classic

*The Preserve at
Verdae Golf Club*

GOLF



You Are Invited!

Please join us to support St Mary's School at our annual fundraiser Golf Tournament, which is open to all parishioners.

Sign up at <https://SMGolf2025.givesmart.com>

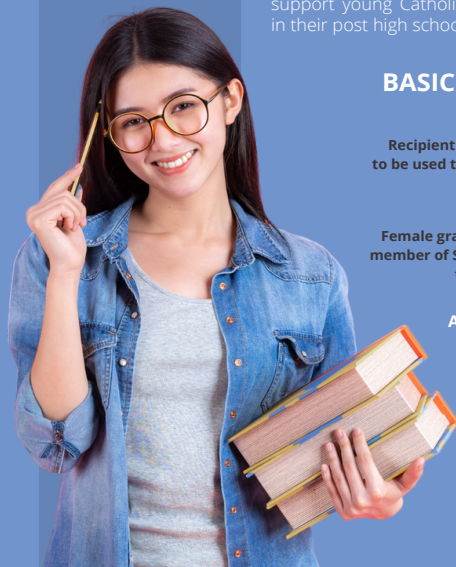
Enjoy an outing of golf with friends on Friday 30 May!

- ◆ Breakfast, Lunch, & Post Play Light Fare Provided to All Players!
- ◆ Player Gifts
- ◆ Hole Contests, Putting Contest, & Prizes Awarded in Net & Gross
- ◆ Sponsorship Levels with Premium TaylorMade® Equipment!

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.



St Mary's Religious Education



1st Communion Retreat this Week
Sunday, 30 March 10:15 (after 9:00 am Mass)

Religious Education Grades 1-8

RE Families attend the Parish Stations of the Cross as a family on Friday 28 March at 5:00 (Church)

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
Monthly Parent Meeting is this week on 2 April

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

For More Information

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@smcgv1.org or 864.679.4110

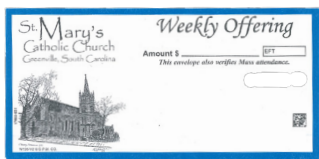
Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. **It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings.** All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.

Learn more on the parish website at <https://smcgv1.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/>
Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgv1.org for more information on becoming a Catholic.

Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage



If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often you

come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- ◆ Parishioner tuition in the school
- ◆ Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as **Inactive** and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgv1.org.

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. **The next class is Monday 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

"You who fear the LORD, praise him!" ~Psalm 22:23

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 4 am*

Monday 12 am* & 10 am

Tuesday 6 am & 6 pm

Wednesday 11 pm

Saturday 11 am* & 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.

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

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

IN SEARCH OF A FAMILY

Heart Ridge Family Camp
Summer '25

Registration
open now:



Join with other families this summer at Heart Ridge Family Camp in the South Carolina Mountains for lots of fun, adventures, and family bonding as we search for the Sasquatch family and at the same time discover the virtues that God is calling us to live out in our own.



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>.

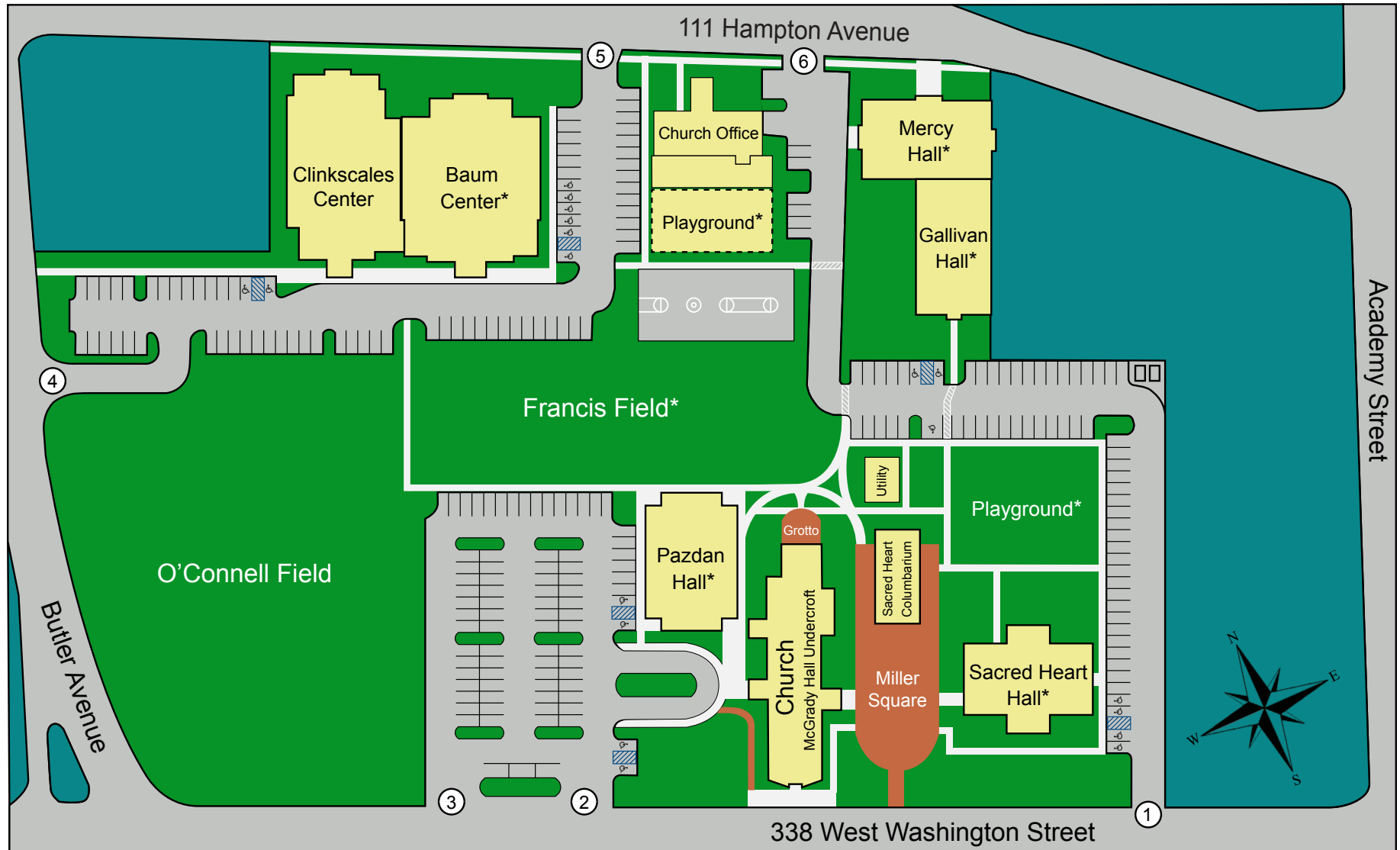
Volunteers Needed

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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