



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

27 April 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christos Anesti! (Christ is Risen) Alithos Anesti! (Truly He is Risen) In the Christian East these Greek acclamations replace the usual greetings of hello and goodbye during the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, the liturgical season of Eastertide, the first eight days of which have a special identity. Today is the eighth day since the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and this day in the sacred liturgy has three names: 1) the Octave Day of Easter, 2) the Second Sunday of Easter, and 3) Divine Mercy Sunday.

The number eight has a special liturgical meaning because it is a symbol of the new creation. The drama of creation unfolded over seven symbolic days, and the eighth day is the sign of God's pluperfect love revealed in the new creation. This is foreshadowed in the Old Covenant through circumcision taking place eight days after birth and is confirmed by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ taking place on Sunday, both the first day of the week and the eighth day. In the liturgical calendar, therefore, the eight days from Easter Sunday until today are kept as one continuous festive celebration of the Resurrection, and today completes the eighth day or Octave of Easter.

Last Sunday in the sacred liturgy we were asked to renew the promises of our Baptism because in the sacrament of Holy Baptism we are washed clean of sin and made a new creation equipped for the life of grace by being born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Today the Gospel speaks of another sacrament given to the Church for the forgiveness of sins - the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation that we commonly call Confession.

Saint John tells us that when the Lord Jesus had risen from dead and appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room, "he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" In other words, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is the Easter gift of the Risen Lord to his Church, and when we fall into sin after Baptism, going to Confession is Christ's chosen means of reconciling us to God, restoring us to full communion with his Church, and giving us the peace which surpasses understanding, the peace which the world cannot give.

The Sacrament of Penance is not an option that Catholics are free to choose or not according to their preference. The Sacrament of Penance is the only ordinary way after Baptism for mortal sins to be forgiven and for those who are dead in sin to be restored to the new life of grace. So on this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us resolve to go to Confession whenever we commit grave sin and strive to be instruments of God's mercy for others so that we may bear witness to the truth of the Resurrection. Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 27 April

7.30 am Ted & Dorothy Gawron
 9.00 am ✱ Norma Sue Yarbrough
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 28 April

7.00 am ✱ Mary Jane Schaffer

Tuesday 29 April

7.00 am Mooney Children

Wednesday 30 April

7.00 am ✱ Rumin Family

Thursday 1 May

7.00 am ✱ Bob Stewart

Friday 2 May

7.00 am Blakely Sieber

Saturday 3 May

5.00 pm Mike & Lanina Russell

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 27 April

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

Monday 28 April

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 29 April

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group
 6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 30 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 Religious Education

Thursday 1 May

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 2 May

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church)
 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)
 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 3 May

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
 C - Clinkscates
 Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 19/20 April

Needed	40,100
Received	41,177
Surplus	+ 1,077

Poor Box	2,019
----------	-------

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,724,300
Received	1,764,326
Surplus	+ 40,026

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
Easter Donations	27,354
Donations Received	550,782
Still to Go	421,864

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 19/20 April

Thursday	403
Friday	487
Easter Vigil	607
7.30 am	558
9.00 am church	418
9.00 am gym	536
11.00 am	546
1.00 pm	670
Total	4,225

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, Steve Hughes, Albert Normandin, Angelo Bautista Campos, Karen Krings, Micael Venerdi, Joan Greenaway, Dean Zimmermann, Mel Fitzpatrick.

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.

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. If interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

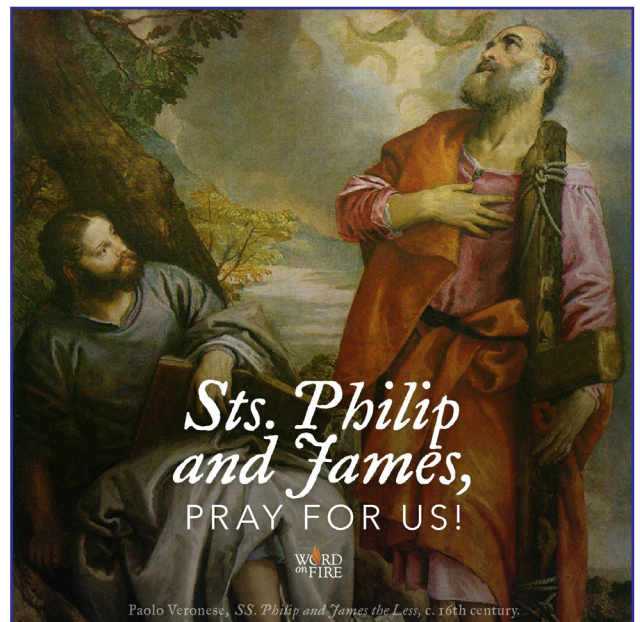
The group will meet Tuesday 29 April from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at judyh75@att.net or 864.438.1017 for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 26/27 April

Catholic Home Missions
Support of the Parish

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



First Communion

This coming weekend the children will make their First Communion. Please keep our Communicants in your prayers this week as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Fraternus at St Mary's

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men of all ages. All young men ages 12 and up are invited to join our brotherhood at Frat Night weekly meetings on Mondays from 6.30-8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. The evenings include brotherly competition, a shared meal, encouragement in virtue, and compline. Contact stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com for more information.

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



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.

Music Teacher / Band & Orchestra Instructor

- The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced with teaching music to students of all ages, comfortable directing and organizing student instrumentalists (beginners and intermediate), able to plan and execute school-wide music programs (Christmas and Grandparents' Day), and willing to perform music for certain school events and activities. Strong organization skills, excellent classroom management, high expectations for student achievement, and a passion for education are preferred. Compensation is highly competitive and scales with experience and education. This position is full-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.

Vacation Bible School is 9-13 June



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

We are still looking for Adult & Student
(rising 6-12 grade) volunteers!

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

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling this Easter season,
find mass times at a parish near you.
<https://masstimes.org>
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

100th Anniversary

Celebration Dinner!

Gather Your Family and Friends to Celebrate Our
Past and Look Ahead to a Bright Future!

MAY

SATURDAY

10

6:00 PM

Clinkscales Family Center

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women cordially invites all members of St. Mary's parish to attend our 100th Anniversary Dinner catered by Greenville favorite Henry's Smokehouse. It will be an evening celebrating 100 years of SMCCW's contributions to St. Mary's and the Greenville community.

Tickets: \$25 adults, \$12 children 12 & under.
Pay with check by mail to: SMCCW, P.O. Box 1505,
Greenville, SC 29602 ATTN: Celebration Dinner.
Please include email to receive confirmation. OR
Pay online with [this link](#). Convenience fee applied.
Questions: smccwgv@gmail.com. Deadline to
purchase tickets: April 30.



**Pearlle Harris,
Keynote Speaker**



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 Religious Education



1st Communion practice 1 May 4:30

1st Communion 3 May

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

LAST Sunday Morning Preschool Class

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@smcgvl.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 Patrick Ford at patrick.ford@smcgvl.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@smcgvl.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.

Job Opening

Family Honor has a job opening for an Executive Director. We are looking for a Catholic individual who understands the importance of faith, family, and Pope St John Paul II's teaching on the Theology of the Body. For job details visit <https://familyhonor.org/jobs/> or contact famhonor@aol.com or 803.929.0858.



<https://catholicradioinsec.com>

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"This is the day the Lord hath made; Let us be glad and rejoice in it!" ~Ps 118:24

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*


Thursday 1 am* & 4 am*

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.

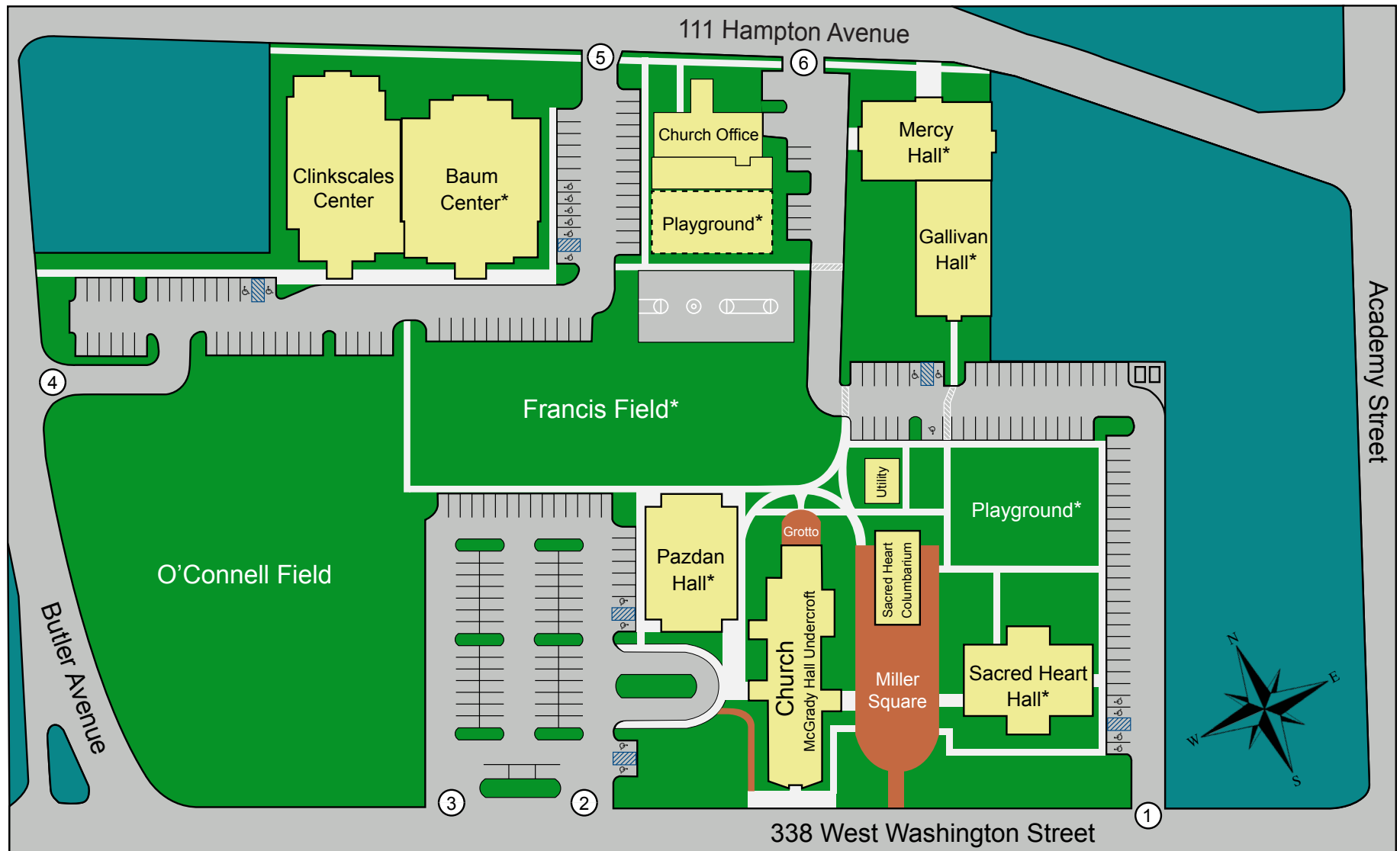
Taste of St Joseph

Join us for the Taste of St Joseph - An Evening of Global Flavors at St Joseph Church (Anderson) in Father Francis Friend Hall on 3 May at 6.00 pm. Explore a variety of dishes from cultures around the world. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids (under 3 free) - all you can eat! Visit <https://sjccs.net/church/> 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.

The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

Father Jay Scott Newman
Pastor of St Mary's Church
Diocesan Chancellor
Dean of Greenville
pastor@smcgvl.org

Father Pedro Gomez Baraja
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's Church
Priest of San Sebastian
pgomez@charlestandioocese.org

Father Will Frei
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's Church
and San Sebastian
wfrei@charlestandioocese.org

Father Jonathan Duncan
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's Church
Bon Secours Director of Spiritual Care
fatherduncan@smcgvl.org

Father Bartholomew Leon
Pastor of St Rafka Church
Assisting Priest at St Mary's Church
bleon@charlestandioocese.org

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Diego Ferro
Director of Hispanic Ministries
diego.ferro@smcgvl.org

Deacon Joe Sanfilippo
Pastoral Associate
joe.sanfilippo@smcgvl.org

Deacon Alex Garvey
Bon Secours Mercy Health Ministries
alex.garvey@smcgvl.org

Deacon George Tierney
Deacon Scheduling
george.tierney@smcgvl.org

Deacon John Heuser
Director of Social Ministries
john.heuser@smcgvl.org

Deacon Tom Whalen
Spiritual Direction & Communion Ministers
thomas.whalen@smcgvl.org

Staff

Jennifer Anderson
Director of Administration
jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org

Linda Jackson
Director of Catechesis
linda.jackson@smcgvl.org

Emily Cortes
Assistant Director of Sacred Music
emily.cortes@smcgvl.org

Chris Ortiz
Director of Youth Ministry
chris.ortiz@smcgvl.org

Jenni Dillard
eBulletin Editor
jenni.dillard@smcgvl.org

Dr Adam Pajan
Director of Sacred Music
adam.pajan@smcgvl.org

Patrick Ford
Pastoral Associate & Director of Operations
patrick.ford@smcgvl.org

Sarah Perkins
Office Manager & Assistant to the Pastor
sarah.perkins@smcgvl.org

Megan Holliday
Parish Athletic Director
megan.holliday@smcgvl.org

Steven Zimmerman
Principal of St Mary's School
principal@smcgvl.org