



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

4 May 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

During Eastertide the Church directs our attention to the central place of Holy Baptism in Christian faith and life, and each year on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, all the baptized are asked to renew the promises of their Baptism. So this is the perfect time for us to consider a crucial question in the Church's life: who is eligible to be baptized?

Before answering that question, we must take notice of the fact that for many centuries, the vast majority of people who have been baptized were brought to the font as infants, but this statistical fact should not distract us from the theological truth that the meaning of the Baptism of children is fully revealed only in light of the Baptism of adults who come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus and then ask to be baptized. All seven of the sacred mysteries of the New Covenant are sacraments of faith, and the request of an adult to be baptized presupposes the gift of faith received as a prevenient grace leading to the second birth by water and the Holy Spirit through which one enters the Church as by a door. And no one would ask for Baptism who was not prepared to live the Christian faith by, at a bare minimum, coming to Mass each Sunday to be nourished by the Word of God and the Most Holy Eucharist.

In fact, in a certain sense we can say that we are baptized precisely so that we may attend Mass and receive the Body and Blood of the Savior, so those who do not intend to make Sunday Mass the center of their lives have no reason to ask for Baptism. But now we return to the statistical norm of infant Baptism and are immediately confronted with the strange custom of people who were baptized as children, have grown up to have their own children, and now ask to have their children baptized despite the fact that they seldom, if ever, come to Mass. And the same holds true for adults who are not coming to Mass but still ask for permission to serve as godparents or sponsors for the Baptism of a child.

So, who can be baptized? Those adults are eligible for Baptism who are prepared to make their own profession of faith and accept the most serious duty to practice the Catholic faith in every way, including attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation. And those children are eligible for Baptism whose parents meet the same criteria as adults asking for Baptism. If the parents of a child are not practicing the faith by - at a bare minimum - attending Sunday Mass, then there is no founded hope that the child will be instructed in the Gospel and taught to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, and in that case, the Church cannot consent to baptize the child in question. This is not intended in any way as a punishment for the child or still less for the anguished grandparents who are practicing the faith and want their now grown children to do the same for the sake of the grandchildren, but it is an acknowledgment that the sacraments are not magic. For Holy Baptism to be a true sacrament of faith, there must be in those who request it - whether for themselves or for their children - a genuine intention to follow the Lord Jesus in every way, beginning and ending with the Sunday celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 4 May

7.30 am ✕ Luz Marina Soto
9.00 am Russell Family
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 5 May

7.00 am ✕ Christine Sufczynski

Tuesday 6 May

7.00 am George M Gevaert

Wednesday 7 May

7.00 am Mary Jo Cunningham

Thursday 8 May

7.00 am Frank Izzo

Friday 9 May

7.00 am ✕ Concetta Cambardella

Saturday 10 May

5.00 pm ✕ Roman Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 4 May

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 Mass (P)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)
6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 5 May

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

Tuesday 6 May

6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 7 May

7.30 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study (M)
5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 8 May

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 9 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 10 May

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
6.00 pm SMCCW 100th Anniversary (C)

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 26/27 April

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| Needed | 40,100 |
| Received | 41,284 |
| Surplus | + 1,184 |

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Offertory Year to Date

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| Needed | 1,764,400 |
| Received | 1,805,610 |
| Surplus | + 41,210 |

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

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| Goal | 1,000,000 |
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| Donations Received | 609,853 |
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| Still to Go | 390,147 |
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 26/27 April

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| 5.00 pm | 252 |
| 7.30 am | 249 |
| 9.00 am | 522 |
| 11.00 am | 334 |
| 1.00 pm | 472 |

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| Total | 1,829 |
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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.

High School Youth Group

St Mary's High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6.00 pm in McGrady Hall. All parishioners of high school age are welcome. Contact Chris Ortiz at chris.ortiz@smcgv1.org for more information.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Kevin & Sarah Curran, Mark Chasuk, Javier Garzon Salazar & Viviana Villabona.



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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 3/4 May

Capital Improvement Fund
Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Charles Richard Harward & Peter Mark O'Steen who were baptized last weekend.

Christopher Wojdyla & Ashley Megregian who were married last weekend.

School Book Fair

The spring book fair will be open in Gallivan Hall during the weekend of 10-11 May after all English Masses and parish families are encouraged to come browse and purchase books at the fair to support our school. Visit <https://i55bookfairs.com> to shop online.

Women of Grace Bible Study

Women of Grace Bible Study meets the first and third Sunday of each month at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. For more information about joining please contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@smcgv1.org.

St Anne's Stitchery Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Please contact Maggie Simons at maggie.simons54@gmail.com or 612.695.0903 for details.

Daily Mass Readings

For daily Mass readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.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@smcgv1.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.

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@smcgv1.org.

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!

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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



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Annual RE May Crowning and Family Fellowship Night
Wednesday 7 May at 6.30 pm meet at the Grotto

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.

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.



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

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.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestandioocese.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@charlestandioocese.org or 864.331.2629 for more information.



HEAVEN IN YOUR HOME Webinar series

Are you overwhelmed as a parent? Do you want to build a family community group in your parish?

This two-part workshop series will teach you how to build a flourishing Catholic household and to share your vibrant family life with others through community groups offered by Trinity House Community.

May 6 & May 28
7 - 8 PM (EST)

ZOOM

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/TRINITYHOUSES](https://tinyurl.com/trinityhousescc)



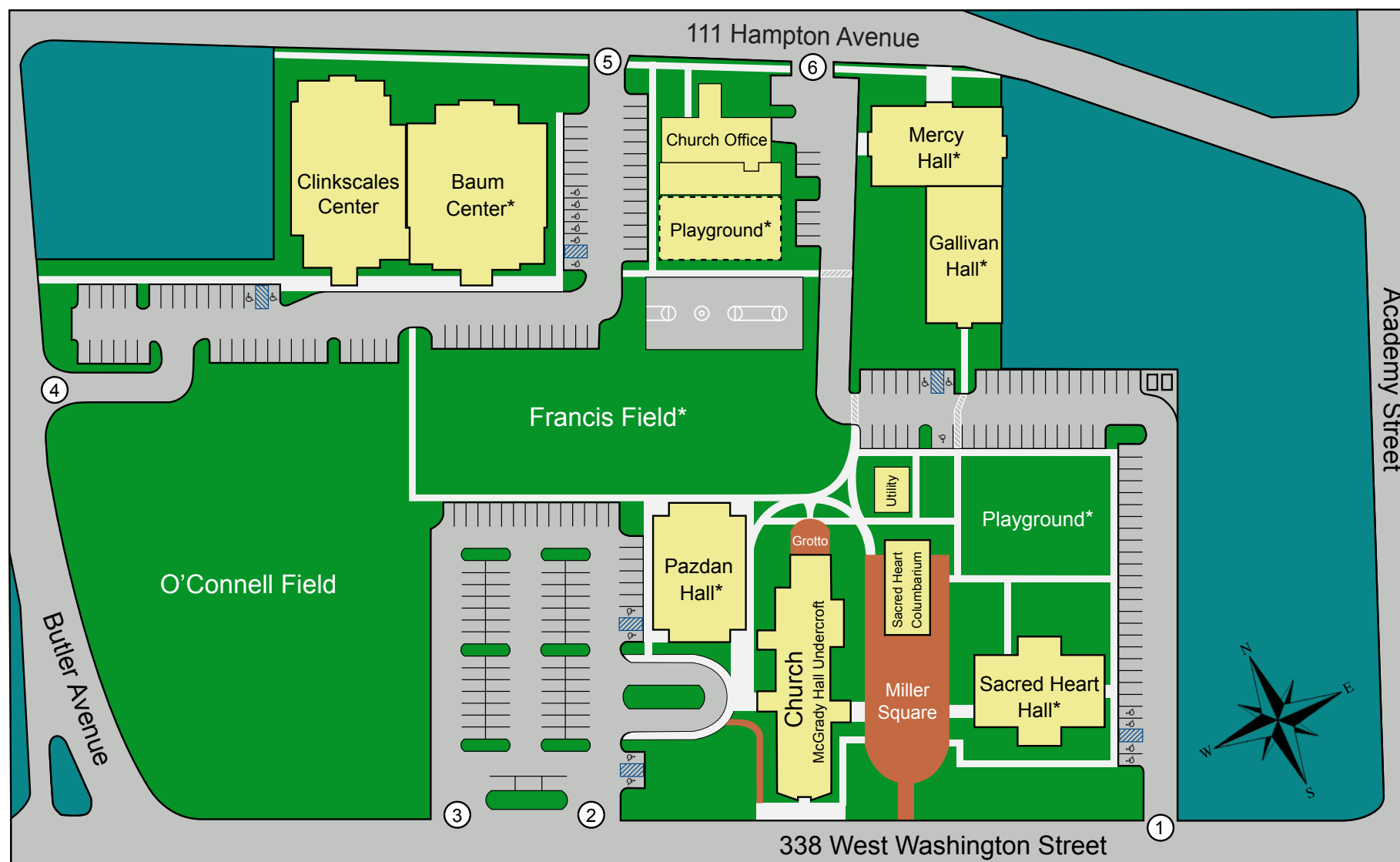
TRINITY HOUSE community

ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

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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