



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

18 May 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Numinous. This is not a word one hears in casual conversation, but it is an English word that entered our language in the 17th century from the Latin word *numen* which means divine presence. Numinous is an adjective that includes a field of meanings, including concepts like spiritual, holy, religious, transcendent, mysterious, divine, sacred, and other worldly. Numinous is a good word to describe any religious experience which lifts one out of oneself and makes one aware that the visible world points beyond itself to the source of all being. The idea of the numinous is not a uniquely Christian concept, and people of all religions and no religion have experiences that can be described as numinous.

Nevertheless, Christians can profit from understanding that our worship and prayer should be characterized by a numinous quality, and this is one of the many reasons why our churches should not look like auditoriums or theaters. If the building has a numinous quality, then the liturgy which is celebrated inside that building stands a greater chance of having a numinous quality than prayer which takes place in a utilitarian structure. No one would mistake a Gothic cathedral or a Romanesque basilica for a lecture hall or a meeting room, but too many of our churches built in the last generation have just that secular quality and such spaces make a numinous experience of prayer much more difficult to attain.

But if truly sacred buildings are essential to a numinous experience of prayer, the same can be said for the style of music; the design of furnishings, vestments and vessels; the quality of ritual form; and the congregational participation which together constitute the warp and woof of public prayer. People who are present in the congregation but who refuse to worship can impede a numinous experience of prayer as much as an irreverent priest or inappropriate music, and therefore learning how to worship is an essential task for every Christian.

Learning how to worship? Doesn't that come naturally to anyone in church? No, not in the least, and just because someone is in church does not mean he is worshiping. We must be taught how to pray. And more than that, we must be shown how to worship in spirit and truth. No one can worship if anger, resentment, and pride make it impossible for him to kneel in supplication for mercy and restoration. And no one can worship who will not lift up his heart in sorrow for sin, adoration of God, and praise for the divine glory revealed in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

But once we learn to worship, then the experience of praying can be, well, numinous. A heart full of love yields both the peace of sacred silence and the joy of sacred song. A heart full of love responds to the invitation to pray and seeks the Face of God in the numinous experience of a holy people gathered in a holy place to do a holy thing simply for the sake of praising the One who is holy. Praised be Jesus Christ. Now and forever!

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 18 May

7.30 am	Jim Jeffeaux
9.00 am	Claire Roberts & Family
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

### Monday 19 May

7.00 am	✱ Vince & Theresa Vassolo
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### Tuesday 20 May

7.00 am	Theresa Gevaert
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### Wednesday 21 May

7.00 am	Natalia Thompson
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### Thursday 22 May

7.00 am	✱ Margaret Saiko
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### Friday 23 May

7.00 am	Nikolae Elster
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### Saturday 24 May

5.00 pm	Patrick McLeod
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## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 18 May

Parish Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P)	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (P)
6.00 pm	Women of Grace Bible Study

### Monday 19 May

6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
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### Tuesday 20 May

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
6.30 pm	Fidelis (P)

### Wednesday 21 May

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

### Thursday 22 May

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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### Friday 23 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 24 May

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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G - Gallivan Hall  
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall  
C - Clinkscals  
Family Center

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 10/11 May

Needed	40,100
Received	41,499
Surplus	+ 1,399

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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,844,600
Received	1,890,034
Surplus	+ 45,434

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org).

## 2025 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	644,050
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Still to Go	355,950
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## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 10/11 May

5.00 pm	364
7.30 am	384
9.00 am	519
11.00 am	405
1.00 pm	422

Total	2,094
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## Liturgical Schedule Changes

No 7.00 am Mass on Monday 26 May  
and the church will be closed all day

## 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.

## 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 18 May**. 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](mailto:jpaluszak@bellsouth.net) for more information.

## Congratulations to

Luke Spicer & Julie Lajoie who were married last weekend.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Cameron & Hanna Spencer, Timothy & Ashley Hawkins, Benito DiFedele, Joseph & Gabriella Ruyack, Beverly Hiller.

## PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 17/18 May

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina  
Support of the Parish

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



## Parish Office Closure

In observance of Memorial Day on Monday 26 May, the church office will be closed all day.

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

### Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 20 & 27 May from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at [judyh75@att.net](mailto:judyh75@att.net) or 864.438.1017 for more information.

## Daily Mass Readings

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



**We welcome  
Patrick Ford  
to our parish  
staff as Pastoral  
Associate and  
Director of  
Operations**

Patrick and his wife Erica Nielsen Ford met while they were undergraduates at Hillsdale College and became Catholics because of the richness of Christian faith and life they encountered in the Catholic Church. Patrick then studied sacred theology at Villanova University, alma mater of Pope Leo XIV, after which he spent a decade at Belmont Abbey College leading campus ministry and the Hintemeyer Catholic Leadership Program.

From there Patrick worked for five years at Thomas Aquinas College on their new campus in Massachusetts, and now Patrick and Erica have moved to Greenville with their six children (ages 2 to 17) to be part of the Saint Mary's parish family.

Patrick will be involved in every area of pastoral care and parish operations, and you can reach him at [patrick.ford@smcgvl.org](mailto:patrick.ford@smcgvl.org)

## **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.whelen@smcgvl.org](mailto:dorothy.whelen@smcgvl.org).

## **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@smcgvl.org](mailto:chris.ortiz@smcgvl.org) for more information.

## **2nd Annual Feast of Corpus Christi**

# **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION & PARISH PICNIC**

*Save the Date!*

Come rejoice with us for the gift of Christ in the Holy Eucharist through a Eucharistic Procession around the campus of St Mary's and then stay to enjoy our parish community with a fun picnic.

Enjoy grilled hot dogs, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, and drinks all provided by the parish. Bring a side dish (A-L) or a dessert (M-Z) to share. There will be fun games and music. Text Nancy Carrano at 512.466.7989 with questions. **Picnic Registration begins 31 May.**



**Saturday 21 June  
following 5.00 pm  
Holy Mass**

Our Parish Picnic will be held immediately after the procession.



## **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

*What is it?*

A Eucharistic procession is a holy parade that brings Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, into the world that he loves. The Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and carried out of the church by a priest. A Eucharistic procession sometimes begins at one church and ends at another and is connected to the celebration of the Mass or a time of Adoration. The procession can be a short walk around the neighborhood of a church or can stretch for miles and miles from start to finish. Along the way, Jesus is accompanied by priests, deacons, altar servers, and people of all ages. Together they can pray the rosary, sing hymns, or walk in silent prayer. Processions are often planned for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi but can take place any time of the year.

The altar servers or other members of the Eucharistic procession might carry a canopy, processional cross, candles, a thurible, or bells. One type of processional canopy, a baldacchino, is held over the monstrance by four servers holding a pole for each corner. This creates a sacred space that is set aside for the Eucharist during the movement of the procession. The processional cross is a large crucifix attached to a long handle that can be lifted high for all to see. The candles remind us of Jesus, the Light of the World, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. The thurible is filled with burning incense, which releases sweet-smelling smoke that rises to the sky, symbolizing our prayers rising to heaven. The bells incorporate another of our five senses, announcing that Jesus is here with us. A Eucharistic procession is a wonderful opportunity to worship our Lord and pray together as a community as we witness our faith publicly to the world. *Excerpt from* <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>



## 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 [rsulli42@gmail.com](mailto:rsulli42@gmail.com) or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at [mmunafa1950@gmail.com](mailto:mmunafa1950@gmail.com) or 864.313.5356.

## 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 Markway at [rmarkway@bellsouth.net](mailto:rmarkway@bellsouth.net) with questions.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

# 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

**Registration for 2025-26 will open in August**



**Religious Education Grades 1-8**

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm

**Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds**

Classes meet on Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass

**For More Information**

**Contact Linda Jackson**

**[linda.jackson@smcgvl.org](mailto: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.

Classes begin in the Fall. Registration will open in July on the parish website.

Please visit <https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> to learn more.

Contact Deacon John at [john.heuser@smcgvl.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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### 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/individuals> using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.





Please contact Jessica Thrall at [jthrall@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:jthrall@charlestandiocese.org) if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

### Men's Clothing Needed

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate is **in desperate need of all men's clothing items**! Donations can be dropped off at 2300 Old Buncombe Rd (in the white building behind San Sebastian Catholic Church) during the hours Tuesday to Thursday from 9am to 1 pm or coordinate a day/time with Silvia at [sloaiza@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:sloaiza@charlestandiocese.org) or 864.331.2629. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:sloaiza@charlestandiocese.org) or 864.331.2629 for more information.

## 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](mailto: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!):

*Praise God all hours are covered!  
Please consider adopting an hour of your choice.*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:famhonor@aol.com) or 803.929.0858.

### Christian Leadership Institute

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) is a transformative five-day experience from 23-27 June for rising 7th-9th graders from across the state. Students come together with adult ministers to build leadership skills and grow as Christian leaders, preparing them for service in schools, parish youth programs, and their communities. Register at <https://charlestandiocese.flocknote.com/signup/195793> by 9 June.

# 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.



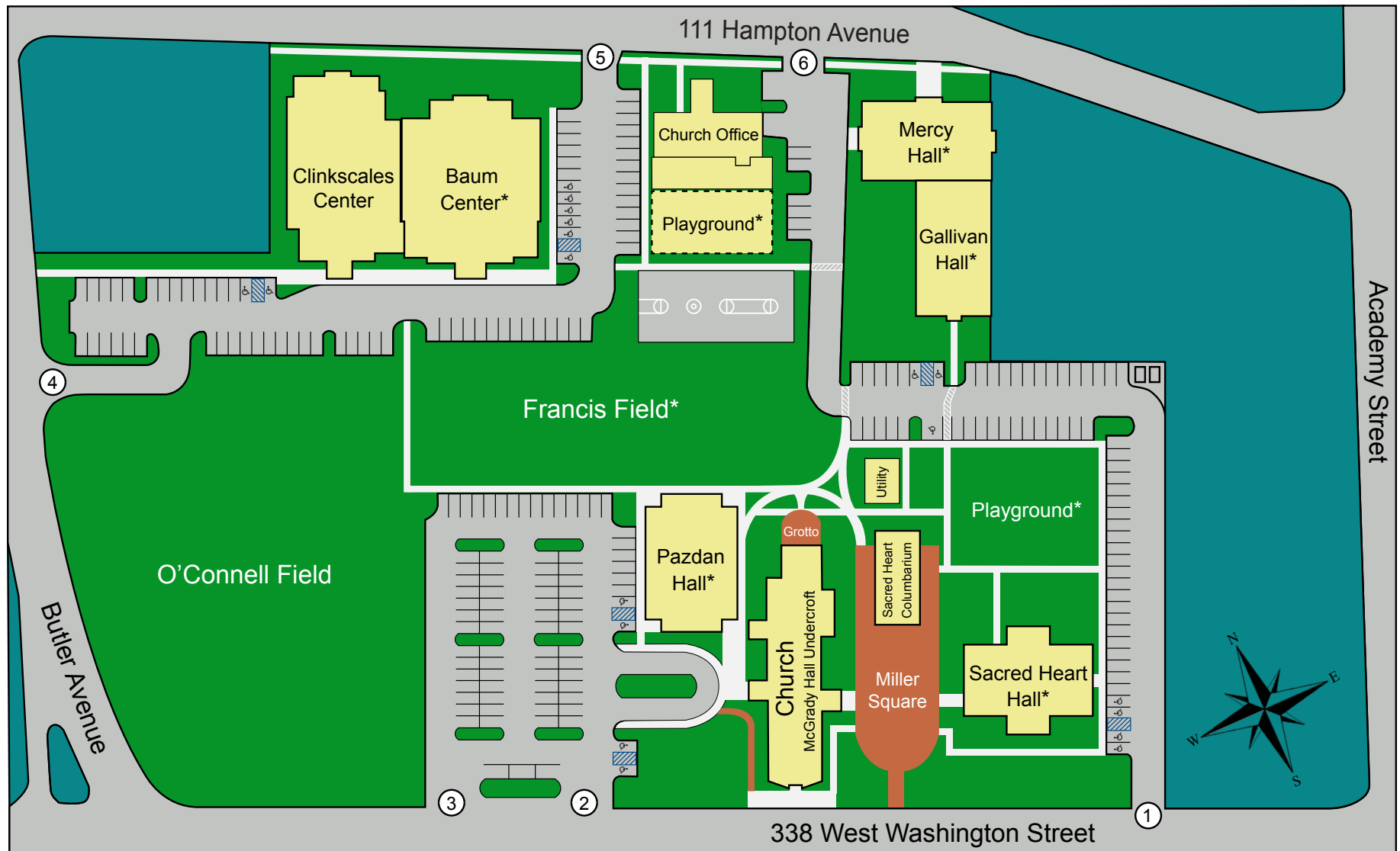





## SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

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**

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