



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

25 May 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholics who were at least teenagers by the late 1960's or earlier remember when every parish church was not just the center of religious and educational life for everyone in the congregation; the parish was also the center of social life for children, teens, and adults of every age. Parish groups hosted dinners, dances, parties, athletic events, game nights, Mardi Gras Balls, pancake suppers, and assorted other gatherings often organized by age, sex, and marital status, and everyone was encouraged to invite others from outside the parish to join in these events.

It was in many ways a golden age of parish life in the United States, but that age has passed and will not return in our time. There are now too many activities available to everyone and too many opportunities beyond the parish for the local church to be the hub of social life even for deeply committed Catholics, and while we may regret this fact of life, we would also do very well to accept it as the starting point for asking a crucial question: What can we do to make the parish more than the place where we come for Mass on Sunday?

All people naturally crave the company of others and the fostering of real bonds of friendship and fellowship, and when a community of people is knit together by overlapping lines of this sort, the result is a palpable sense of belonging with others, of being accountable to others, and of being responsible for others. That is what changes a crowd into a congregation, and then when you come to Mass on Sunday, you won't be sharing the pews with strangers or just with familiar faces; instead, you will be worshipping with brothers and sisters in the Lord. You will learn about their joys and sorrows, and they will learn about yours. You will feel an authentic human connection to others who may or may not move in your professional or social circles, but you will know that you share a bond with them that is deep and real and permanent because it flows from our Baptism. And that is the basis for everything that follows.

But no one can form this experience of community for us; we must do it ourselves. Introduce yourself by name to someone you see at Mass but cannot yet call by name. Join a group in the parish, even if it's a bit out of your comfort zone. Read the eBulletin rather than wave it off as a nuisance in your inbox. Look for opportunities to serve others or contact me to suggest a new group or activity in the parish. Decide to do something more than pop in for one hour on random Sundays to get what you want, or fulfill a dreary duty, or get someone else off your back by going to Mass. Instead, make a commitment to be part of something larger than yourself. Our parishes will never again look as they did in the 1950's when people could leave their doors unlocked all night, and most families had only one income, and 70% of Catholics came to Mass on Sunday. But we can build something real and life-giving for those who do come here to give rather than take, and from such an authentic Christian community, who knows what blessings will flow!

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 25 May

7.30 am	Andrew & Hannah Elster
9.00 am	Faustina Sanders
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

### Monday 26 May

**Memorial Day - No Mass/Church Closed**

### Tuesday 27 May

7.00 am	✱ Christine Sufczynski
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### Wednesday 28 May

7.00 am	✱ James Mooney Jr
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### Thursday 29 May

7.00 am	Matthew Gaetano & Family
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### Friday 30 May

7.00 am	Mooney Grandchildren
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### Saturday 31 May

5.00 pm	✱ Matt Kasun
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## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 25 May

No Nursery during 9.00 am Mass

### Monday 26 May

**Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed**

### Tuesday 27 May

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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### Wednesday 28 May

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

### Thursday 29 May

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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### Friday 30 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 31 May

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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## Financial Report

### Weekend of 17/18 May

Needed	40,100
Received	42,584
Surplus	+ 2,484

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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,884,700
Received	1,932,618
Surplus	+ 47,918

**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

<b>Goal</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
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<b>Donations Received</b>	<b>647,173</b>
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<b>Still to Go</b>	<b>352,827</b>
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## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 17/18 May

<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>312</b>
<b>7.30 am</b>	<b>387</b>
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>491</b>
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>307</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>1,859</b>
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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

## Liturgical Schedule Changes

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

## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Micaela Acevedo Perez, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

## Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, James Smith, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, Sloane Perkins, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Betty Jo Brown, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Ellie O'Connell, Gary Redding, Steve Hughes, Albert Normandin, Angelo Bautista Campos, Karen Krings, Micael Venerdi, Joan Greenaway, Dean Zimmermann, Mel Fitzpatrick.

## Congratulations to

Josh Borfitz & Nicolle Stein who were married last weekend.

Emmanuel Elias Bonanno, Jonah Counts Callahan, and Robert John Pereira who were baptized last weekend.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Drew Cameron, DeWayne & Rebecca Levesque, Anthony & Carrie Petruso, Troy & Julie Phillips, Giuliano & Daria Basile, Steve Glover, Barry & Elizabeth Sargent.

## PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 24/25 May

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.

## Nursery Closures

No nursery this Sunday 25 May (Memorial Day weekend). Summer break is 6 July through 3 August. Nursery reopens on 10 August.

## Daily Mass Readings

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

## Pentecost Novena



After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1.14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This is the origin of the word "novena," traditionally a

prayer done over nine days. **This year the novena begins on Friday 30 May and runs through Saturday 7 June.** Prayers for each day of the novena can be found online at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>.

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

### Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 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.

## 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=TWZocW5temFDQlcwQ2I4RWQwREFvUT09>. Contact Bob Markway at [rmarkway@bellsouth.net](mailto:rmarkway@bellsouth.net) with questions.

## Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is twelve days prior to the bulletin date. To submit items for the eBulletin, contact Jenni Dillard at [jenni.dillard@smcgv1.org](mailto:jenni.dillard@smcgv1.org).

## 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>



## 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!



## 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:principal@smcgvl.org).

## Nationwide Mass Times

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



# 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.



**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)



**BEGINNER'S INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF Revelation**  
**WITH STEVE WOOD**

@ Christ on Main  
 14 S. Main Street, Greenville

**LIMITED SEATS**  
*\*If possible bring a Bible.*

**TWO DATES OFFERED!**

Many Christians find Revelation mysterious—or even intimidating. But this two-hour seminar with longtime teacher and Catholic convert Steve Wood will help you unlock its meaning, separate fact from fiction, and discover how Revelation strengthens our faith today.

**What You'll Learn:**

- ✓ The #1 key to understanding Revelation
- ✓ How it aligns with the Catechism
- ✓ What Revelation says about the past, present, & future
- ✓ The truth about the Rapture
- ✓ A one-minute summary of the whole book
- ✓ How to tackle tough chapters with ease
- ✓ Simple tools to deepen your study
- ✓ Top book recommendations for further reading

More at: [catholic.center/events](https://catholic.center/events)

Monday, June 16 at 7 pm

Saturday, June 21 at 8:30 am

**IN SEARCH OF A FAMILY**  
**Heart Ridge Summer Family Camp**

Join other families this summer at Heart Ridge Family Camp in the SC mountains for fun, adventures and family bonding as we search for the Sasquatch family and discover the virtues that God calls us to live.  
<https://www.heartridgeministries.com/summer-family-camp.html#/>



# Diocesan News

## 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.*



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

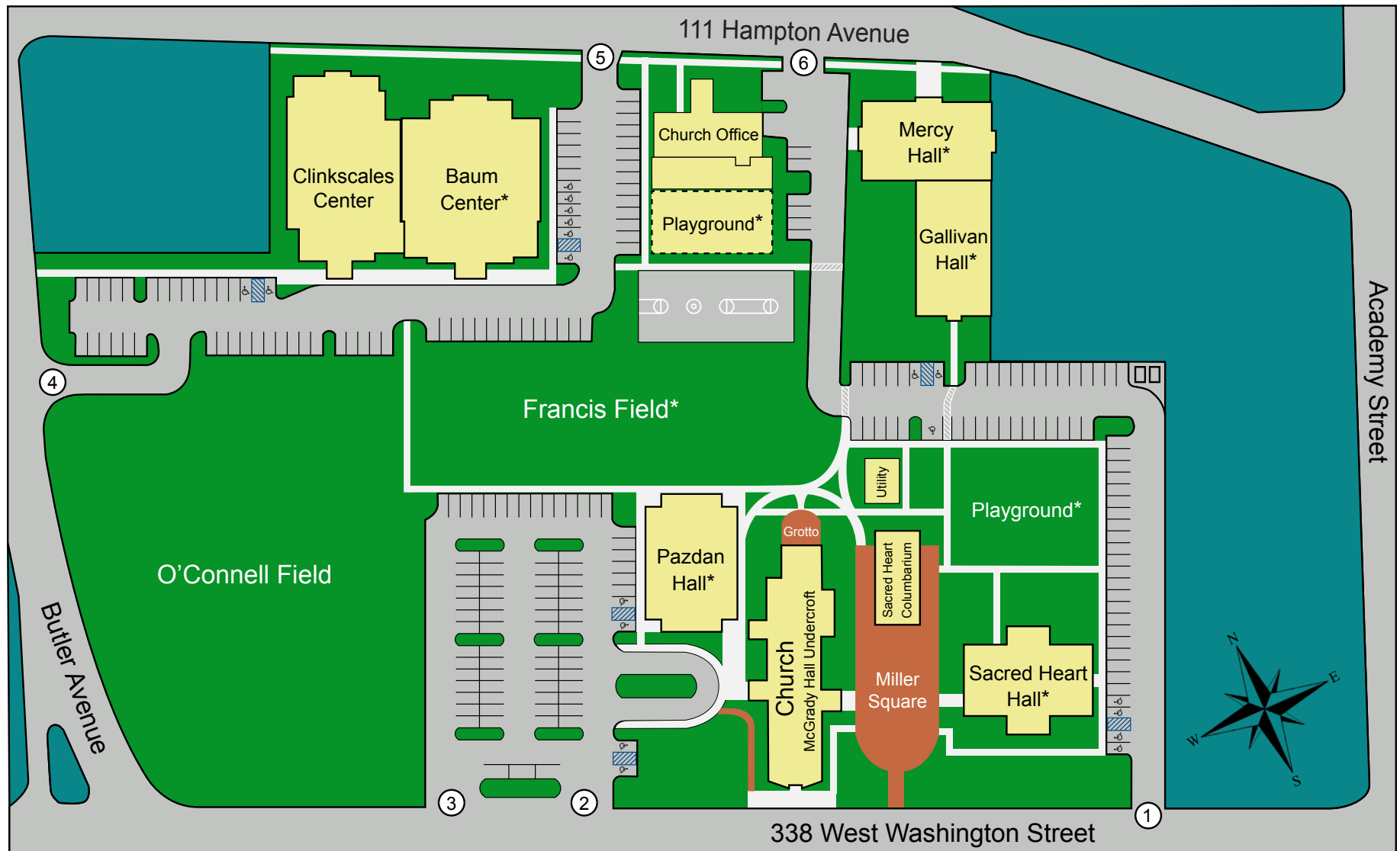
Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help unload a truck and help restock our shelves on Mondays from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Please contact Silvia Loaiza at [sloaiza@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:sloaiza@charlestandiocese.org) or 864.331.2629 for more information.



## 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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