



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

1 June 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus returned to the glory of his Father forty days after his Resurrection, and for that reason, the Church traditionally celebrates the Ascension on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter — forty days after Easter Sunday. In recent years, however, the liturgical commemoration of the Ascension has been transferred in many places from the proper Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and that is why we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ today.

This mystery of faith does not mean that the Lord was merely taken from our sight to continue in space and time as we know them while simply being in another place; rather, Christ the Lord in his Ascension transcended the created universe altogether, including the created realities of time and space. But in transcending the created universe, the Lord Jesus did not abandon his Church or leave us comfortless.

Even as Christ gave us the Great Commission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and celebrate the sacraments for the salvation of souls, he also promised to send the Holy Spirit of truth to be our teacher, guide, and consoler, and the coming of the Spirit was accomplished and manifested 50 days after Christ's Resurrection, a mystery which we will celebrate next week on the great Solemnity of Pentecost. Christ's Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are the very conditions for the possibility of this time of the Church in which we are called to share in the sublime work of bringing the whole human race to know, love and serve the living God, and the Savior remains with us in Word and Sacrament to sustain us in that mission.

In describing the final moments of the Lord Jesus with the Apostles, Saint Matthew candidly admits that even forty days after the Resurrection, confusion remains: "And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted." These doubts, however, were resolved by the solemn revelation of the divine nature and glory of the Son of Man: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." And twenty centuries later we are still laboring to fulfill the Great Commission, which begins with comprehending the majesty of this sacred mystery of faith. In the Roman Missal, the first Preface of the Ascension speaks to us of the sacred mystery of Christ's Ascension in these words:

"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 1 June

7.30 am ✕ John Campbell  
& Willie Martin  
9.00 am Respect Life  
11.00 am Pro populo  
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 2 June

7.00 am Edmund & Espen Elster

### Tuesday 3 June

7.00 am ✕ Rodney Joseph Auselene

### Wednesday 4 June

7.00 am Magdalene Murnen

### Thursday 5 June

7.00 am ✕ Christine Sufczynski

### Friday 6 June

7.00 am Phil Lane

### Saturday 7 June

5.00 pm ✕ Fr Albert Marconyak

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 1 June

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

### Monday 2 June

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

### Tuesday 3 June

6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

### Wednesday 4 June

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

### Thursday 5 June

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 6 June

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 7 June

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 24/25 May

Needed	40,100
Received	39,087
Shortage	- 1,013

Poor Box	698
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,924,800
Received	1,971,705
Surplus	+ 46,905

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

## 2025 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	652,489
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Still to Go	347,511
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## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 24/25 May

5.00 pm	307
7.30 am	352
9.00 am	428
11.00 am	339
1.00 pm	505

Total	1,931
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## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Howayeck Howard, 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.

## 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](mailto:maggie.simons54@gmail.com) or 612.695.0903 for details.



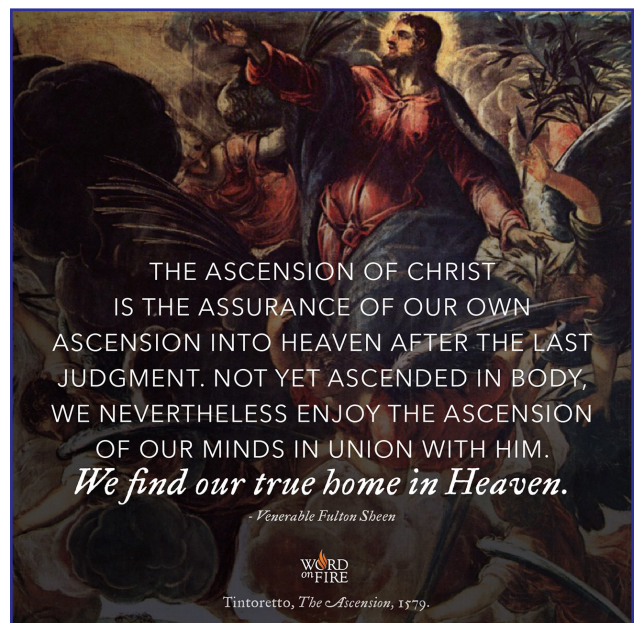
All are invited to enjoy a wonderful spread of doughnuts, bagels and freshly brewed coffee in Pazdan Hall dining room after 9.00 am Mass. Join fellow parishioners for fellowship and refreshments.

## PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 31 May/1 June

Catholic Communications  
Support of the Parish

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



## Congratulations to

Mabel Ann Howard who was baptized last weekend.

## 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. 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 Munafò (late group) at [mmunafò1950@gmail.com](mailto:mmunafò1950@gmail.com) or 864.313.5356.

## 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>.

## Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling this summer, find mass times at a parish near you.

<https://masstimes.org>  
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

## 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 position 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.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at [principal@smcgvl.org](mailto:principal@smcgvl.org).

## School Office Summer Hours

**9 June through 1 August**

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm

Construction on the covered walkway outside Gallivan Hall will take place this summer! For safety reasons, before visiting the School Office, please call 864.271.3870 ahead of time to ensure that it is open.

## Daily Mass Readings

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



# 2nd Annual Feast of Corpus Christi **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION & PARISH PICNIC**

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.

*Register Today!*

To help us plan the food,  
**PLEASE REGISTER HERE!**

<https://form.jotform.com/251397659335166>

*Text Nancy Carrano at  
512.466.7989 with questions.*



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

*Our Parish Picnic will  
be held immediately after  
the procession. Rain or shine!*



# Vespers

*at St Mary's*

Sundays at 5 pm  
in the church

**8 June**

*Pentecost Sunday*

**15 June**

*The Most Holy Trinity*

**22 June**

*Corpus Christi*



*Thirty minutes of peaceful prayer and sacred silence.  
Sung by the Schola Cantorum. Join us and bring a friend.*

Dr Adam Pajan, Director of Sacred Music ♦ Fr Jay Scott Newman, Pastor





# 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.

### 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

*"Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine."*

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!

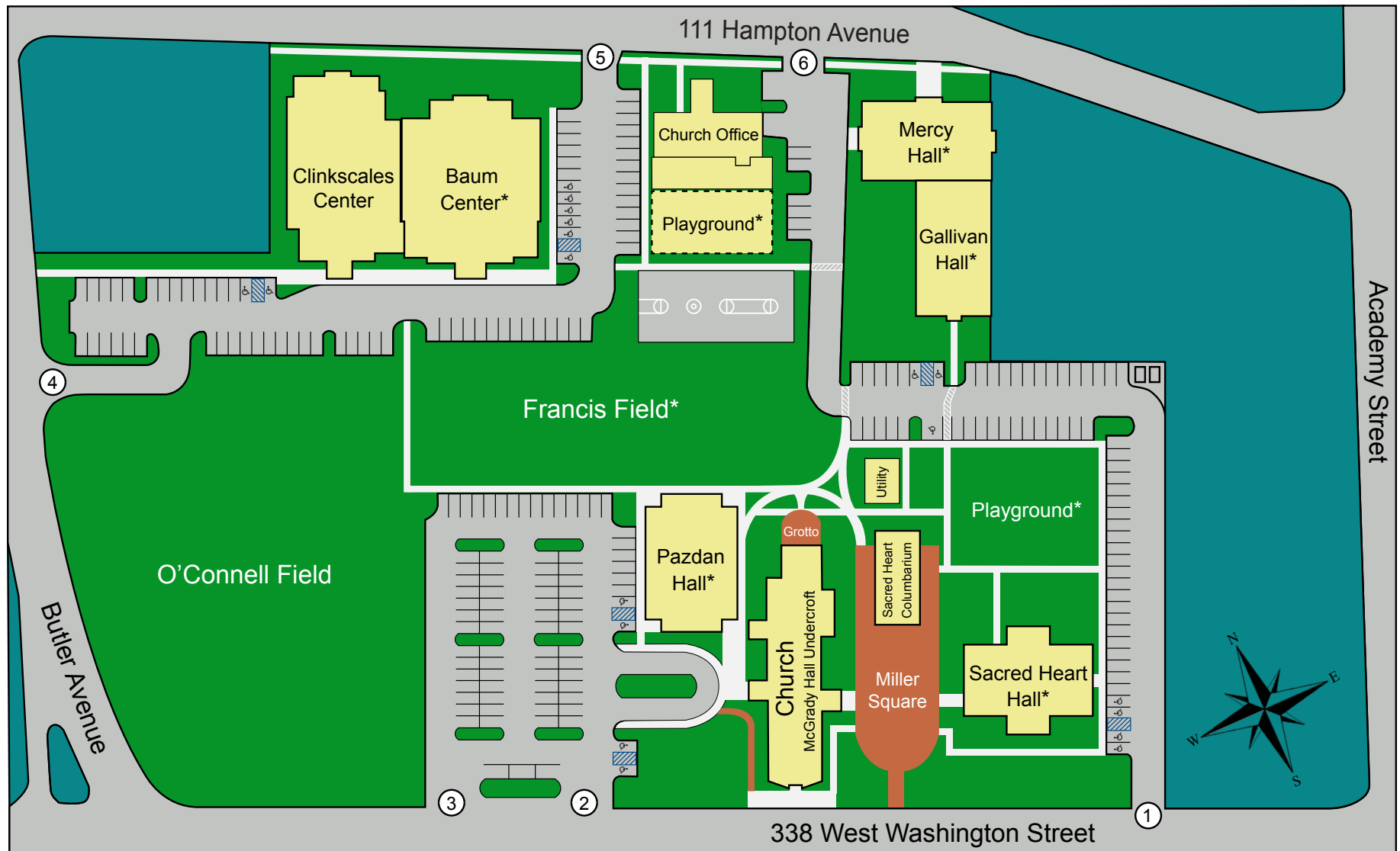
### Volunteers Needed

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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