



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

22 June 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The teaching of the Lord Jesus on the necessity of eating his flesh and drinking his blood in order to receive the gift of everlasting life is as difficult to understand today as it was when he first spoke the words recorded by Saint John in chapter six of his Gospel. (John 6:22-71)

From this teaching and the celebration of Christ's Last Supper at the Passover meal before his atoning death on the Cross, the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist has ever been understood in the Catholic Church as the principal means by which the Lord Jesus remains with us and makes himself present in every time and place where the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar is received by the faithful in divine worship and reserved for adoration. This annual celebration of Corpus Christi reminds us that at every Mass the Lord Jesus comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine to nourish us unto everlasting life with the medicine of immortality.

But the difficulty of this teaching has posed a challenge to those who hear it from the very beginning. Saint John tells us that as a result of Christ's shocking doctrine on eating his flesh and drinking his blood, "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." (John 6:66)

In every century since then, those who are drawn to Christ have been challenged to accept this teaching even when such a mystery can never be fully comprehended, and from time to time the Church has been confronted by theological disputations on Christ's real presence in the Holy Eucharist. Those arguments have assisted the Church to clarify her understanding of how the Savior fulfills his promise to give us his flesh as food and his blood as drink, and the liturgical Solemnity of Corpus Christi emerged from one such prolonged theological battle in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

To deepen your understanding of this mystery of faith, I recommend that everyone read Part Two, Article Three of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Sacrament of the Eucharist (paragraphs 1322 to 1419). There you will find that "the Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult (i.e. worship) of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession." (CCC, 1378)

And that is why on Saturday 21 June we will have a Solemn Eucharistic Procession beginning at 6.15 pm in observance of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please join us Saturday evening in giving thanks for the inestimable gift of Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist, and then stay for the parish picnic where we will welcome Fr Justin Damask and bid farewell to Fr Will Frei.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 22 June

7.30 am ✱ Jeanne Pfeiffer
 9.00 am Genevieve Smith
 & Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 23 June

7.00 am ✱ Bruns & Helen Grayson

Tuesday 24 June

7.00 am Grace Feltes

Wednesday 25 June

7.00 am ✱ Mary C Sanfilippo

Thursday 26 June

7.00 am Cecilia Braud

Friday 27 June

7.00 am Gevaert Family

Saturday 28 June

5.00 pm Fr Christopher Smith

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 22 June

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 5.00 pm Solemn Vespers

Monday 23 June

Tuesday 24 June

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 25 June

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

Thursday 26 June

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 27 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 28 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 14/15 June

Needed	40,100
Received	42,169
Surplus	+ 2,069

Poor Box	526
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	2,045,100
Received	2,093,025
Surplus	+ 47,925

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.

2025 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	661,251
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Still to Go	338,749
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 14/15 June

5.00 pm	377
7.30 am	356
9.00 am	442
11.00 am	389
1.00 pm	331

Total	1,895
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Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No 7.00 am Mass on Friday 3 July
and the church will be closed all day.

No Holy Hour and Confessions on any
Wednesday in July (resumes 6 August).

Parish Office Closure

In observance of Independence Day, the church office will close on Thursday 3 July at 12.00 noon and be closed all day Friday 4 July.

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, Chris Howard, Bruce Cole.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Alexa Dawkins, John & Chandler Cox, Hugo Rodriguez & Alma Acevedo, Natalie Fedel, Sara Mata, Hani & Lindsey Namouz, Chad & Chelsea Looper, Zachary Trusk, Mary Hutchinson, Jacob & Lily Rigmaiden.

Congratulations to

Philip Mosley and Alice Norton who were married last weekend.

Ellowyn Grace Foster and Stephen Michael Paluszak who were baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 21/22 June

Catholic Appeal of SC
Support of the Parish

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



Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. If interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafò (late group) at mmunaf01950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

Fidelis at St Mary's

*Forms girls - heart, mind, body, soul - into
virtuous disciples of Christ through
the witness of Catholic women.*

Virtue ✿ Mentorship ✿ Sisterhood



Fall & Spring Weekly Meetings
Prayer, Dinner, Games
Guest Speakers
Small Group Discussions
Weekly Challenges
Virtue-focused Service
Community
Lifelong Friendships
Nationwide Networking

Sisters to Saints



Discover the importance of femininity at home, at church, and in the community. Come share in the beauty, the truth, the goodness, and joy of being a woman striving for a virtuous life.

Please email fidelisstmarys@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

*Paratum cor meum Deus.
Paratum cor meum.*

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.

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 for details.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 24 June from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at judyh75@att.net or 864.438.1017 for more information.

Nursery Closures

Summer break is 6 July through 3 August. Nursery reopens on 10 August.

Word on Fire Digital

Word on Fire Digital is a subscription website paid for by St Mary's for all registered members. It is filled with an amazing array of Bishop Barron's video series which you cannot find anywhere else on the internet. To gain free access follow these instructions:

1. Visit <https://smcgvl.flocknote.com/login>
2. Enter the email address you have registered with St Mary's
3. Flocknote will send a 4 digit pin to your email. Enter that pin to log in.
4. This will take you to the St Mary's Flocknote page. You'll see on the right a block showing that the church is paying for Word on Fire. Click on the link to **Word on Fire Digital** and that will take you to the site.

You can add the Word on Fire App to your phone, computer, most smart televisions, etc. One of the best known video series you'll see here is the Word on Fire series **Catholicism** which aired on PBS several years ago.

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 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 for Easter 2026 will begin at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 20 August 2025 in McGrady Hall (church undercroft). Visit <https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> to register. 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 15 September 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/individuals> using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.

MARIAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE
Shrines of Italy & Mass with Pope Leo XIV
October 1 - 13

canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/cenacle/
REGISTER BY 5 JULY!

Cenacle




Rev. Father Paul Lacombe
 Parochial Vicar, St. John the Baptist
 Pilgrimage Chaplain



**INFERTILITY, IVF, AND YOU:
 UNDERSTANDING THE ETHICAL DIMENSIONS**



JULY 29 11AM (EST)




Sr. Renée Mirkes, OSF, PhD
 Director of the Center for NaProEthics, the ethics division of
 the Saint Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Nebraska

She is a leading voice in Catholic bioethics, known for her scholarship, advocacy for NFP and NaProTechnology, and her commitment to defending the Catholic vision of human life and sexuality.


REGISTER IN ADVANCE:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ETHICSIVF](https://tinyurl.com/ethicsivf)

For more info, contact familylife@charlestdiocese.org



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

Diocesan News

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine." ~from the Litany of the Sacred Heart

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!):

Thursday 4 am* & 4 pm*
 Saturday 11 am,* 12 pm* & 10 pm



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

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@charlestdiocese.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@charlestdiocese.org or 864.331.2629 for more information.

JUBILEE 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

charlestdiocese.org/jubilee2025

Jubilee Prayer

Father in Heaven, May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **+Amen.**



Plenary Indulgences

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized.

Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory, with the possibility of obtaining two plenary indulgences for the deceased in one day, according to the Apostolic Penitentiary. To obtain an indulgence, the usual conditions of detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope must be met.

Catholics can also gain a plenary indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to their cathedral or to another church or shrine selected by the local bishop. Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, has designated the following South Carolina parishes:



OLD ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
203 Park Ave., SE, Aiken, SC 29801
stmarys-aiken.org



CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
120 Broad St., Charleston, SC 29401
charlestoncathedral.com



BASILICA OF ST. PETER
1529 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29201
visitspeters.org

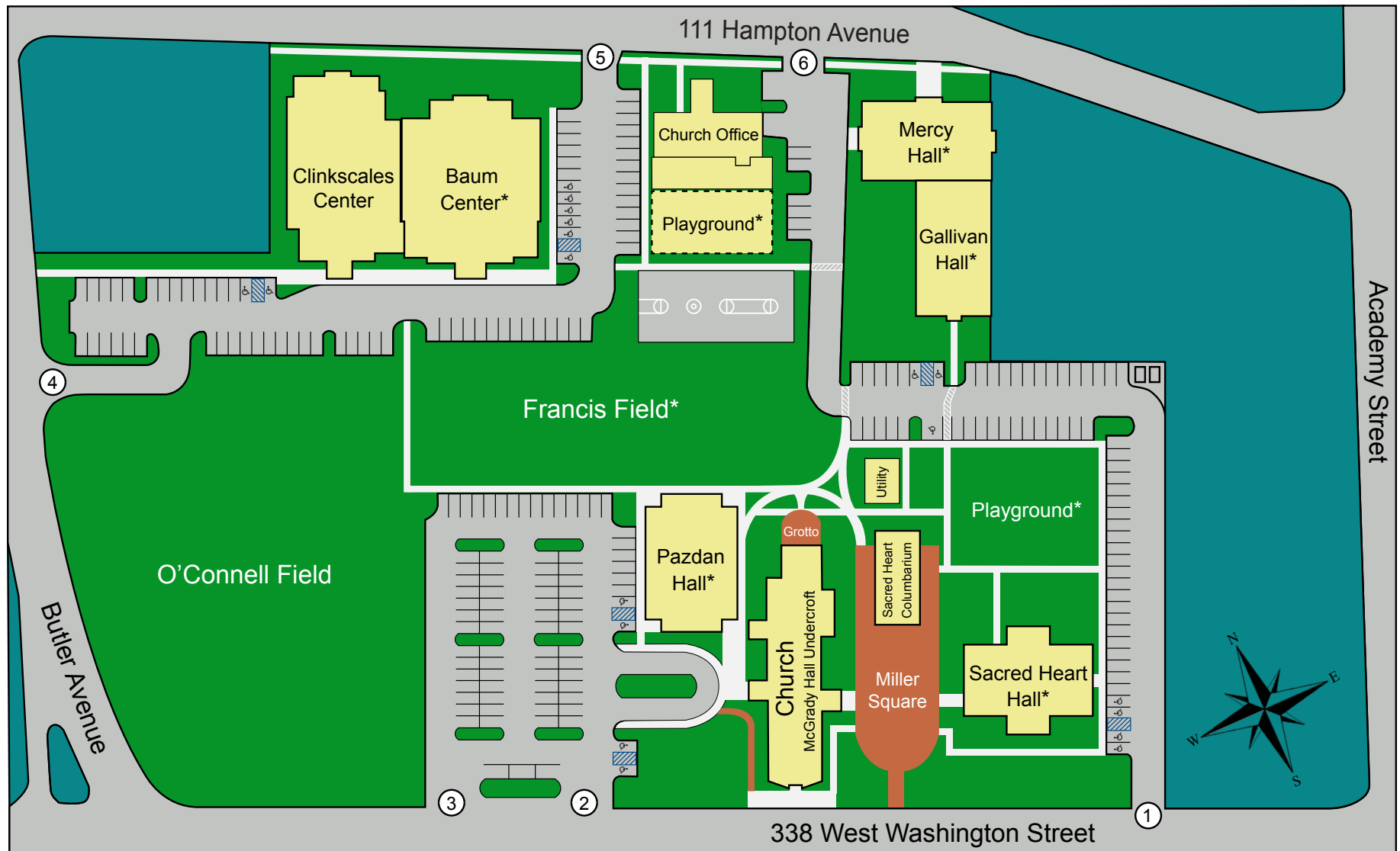


ST. MARY CHURCH
111 Hampton Ave., Greenville, SC 29601
smcgvl.org

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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