



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

6 July 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The new fiscal year for our parish began on 1 July, so it's time to talk about our finances. For the fiscal year that just ended, we once again made our budget, and that is very good news. Thank you for your generous support.

According to government data, the annual rate of inflation for the 12 months ending in May was 2.4%, but the cost of health insurance for our employees went up 12% for the coming fiscal year, so our actual costs will be higher than the general inflation rate.

Accordingly, I am once again asking all households in the parish to increase your offertory contributions by 3% beginning now. This means that if you were giving \$50 per week until now, then your new target would be \$51.50. And if you were giving \$125 per week, then your new target is \$128.75, and so on. If everyone makes this adjustment of 3% to all offertory gifts, then we will once again make our budget goal and be able to fulfill all our financial responsibilities.

Construction has begun on the covered walkway and patio next to Gallivan Hall, and that project will be complete by the end of September. The total cost for those improvements to our campus will be \$1.1 million, much of which will be covered over the next few years by our school gala and golf classic.

And now we turn our attention to the construction of the church annex to provide handicapped accessible restrooms which can be reached without going outside. The annex will also provide accessible confessionals, a nursery and bride's room, and the choir practice room on the second floor. That same project will also include significant work inside the church, including replacing the pews and kneelers, patching and painting the plaster, and making major improvements to the pipe organ.

When we know the total cost of these projects, a new capital campaign will begin. And in the meantime, our routine capital needs require us to raise about \$1 million each year to maintain our inviting campus in the heart of the city. Please recall our stewardship guidelines for your tithe: 5% to the parish in offertory gifts, 1% to the diocese in the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (formerly the BAA), and the remaining 4% to charities of your choice, including our capital improvement fund and periodic campaigns.

Please know that we work very hard to use your gifts wisely and frugally to sustain our beautiful presence in downtown Greenville. The careful stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is an essential part of authentic Christian discipleship, and I am deeply grateful for your sacrificial commitment to Saint Mary's Church.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 6 July

7.30 am	✱ Ferreira Baby
9.00 am	Respect Life
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 7 July

7.00 am	Magdalena Russell
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Tuesday 8 July

7.00 am	Fr Michael Cellars
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Wednesday 9 July

7.00 am	Matthew Gevaert
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Thursday 10 July

7.00 am	Fr Jay Scott Newman
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Friday 11 July

7.00 am	John Paul Nielsen
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Saturday 12 July

5.00 pm	Joseph M Borys & Family
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 6 July

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)

Monday 7 July

Tuesday 8 July

6.00 pm	KofC Dinner (P)
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Wednesday 9 July

7.30 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study (M)
No Holy Hour & Confessions (resumes 6 August)

Thursday 10 July

Friday 11 July

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)
7.00 pm	Spanish Rosary

Saturday 12 July

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 28/29 June

Needed	40,100
Received	40,595
Surplus	+ 495

Poor Box	538
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	2,125,300
Received	2,174,148
Surplus	+ 48,848

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

2025 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	679,264
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Still to Go	320,736
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 28/29 June

5.00 pm	307
7.30 am	322
9.00 am	402
11.00 am	387
1.00 pm	378

Total	1,796
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Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Philip Long, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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, Chris Howard, Bruce Cole, Jim Armstrong.



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.

Congratulations to

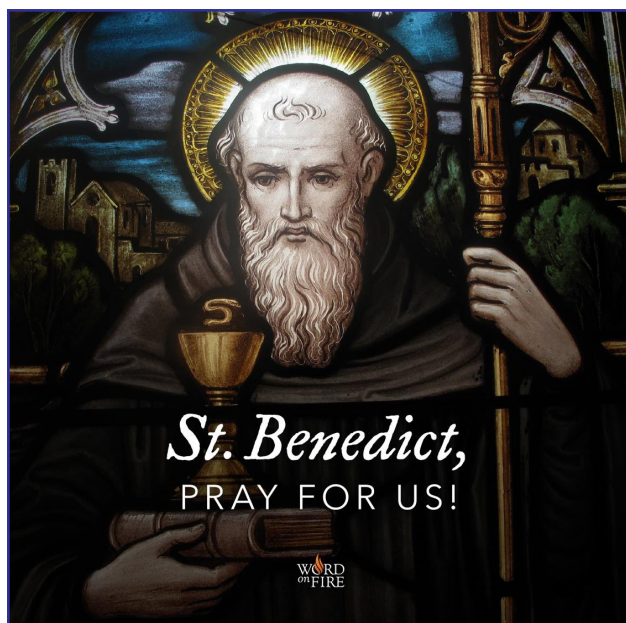
Jack Thomas Gordon, James David Gordon, and Margaret Laura Lang Wuhrman who were baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 5/6 July

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 rsulli42@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.

Nursery Closures

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>

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.



St Mary's Religious Education



**For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson**
linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or
864.679.4110

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Mary's Sunday Morning Preschool program for children 3 & 4 years is looking for volunteers to help once a month from September through April during the 9:00 am Mass. We need teachers and teen helpers. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions contact Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110.

St. Mary's Religious Education is looking for additional volunteers to help with the Wednesday Night program for Grades 1-8. All positions are needed. Teachers, assistants, subs, and ancillary help on these evenings. Adults and teens can apply. Classes run Wednesday evenings 6.30 – 7.30 pm; September through April. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions contact Linda Jackson at 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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

13th Marian Eucharistic Conference

Featured Speakers

Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, EWTN
Very Reverend Chris Alar, MIC
Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, STB, STL
Russ Breault, President of the
Shroud of Turin Education Project Inc.
Daniel Cellucci, CEO,
Catholic Leadership Institute
John Martignoni,
President, Bible Christian Society



Registration

General Admission: \$135, Youth: 90
Registration required by Oct. 11 by mail.

Registration after Oct. 11: \$145

Friday dinner and Saturday lunch are
included. Friday dinner choice:
chicken or Cod. Parking is free.

For more information, call

(864)354-7160 or visit

<http://www.meconferencesc.net>

Greenville Convention Center | 1 Exposition Dr. | Greenville, SC 29607

Diocesan News

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC 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@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 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 or
864.331.2629 for more information.

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@charlestandiocese.org



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON

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:

Aiken

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

Charleston

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

Columbia

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

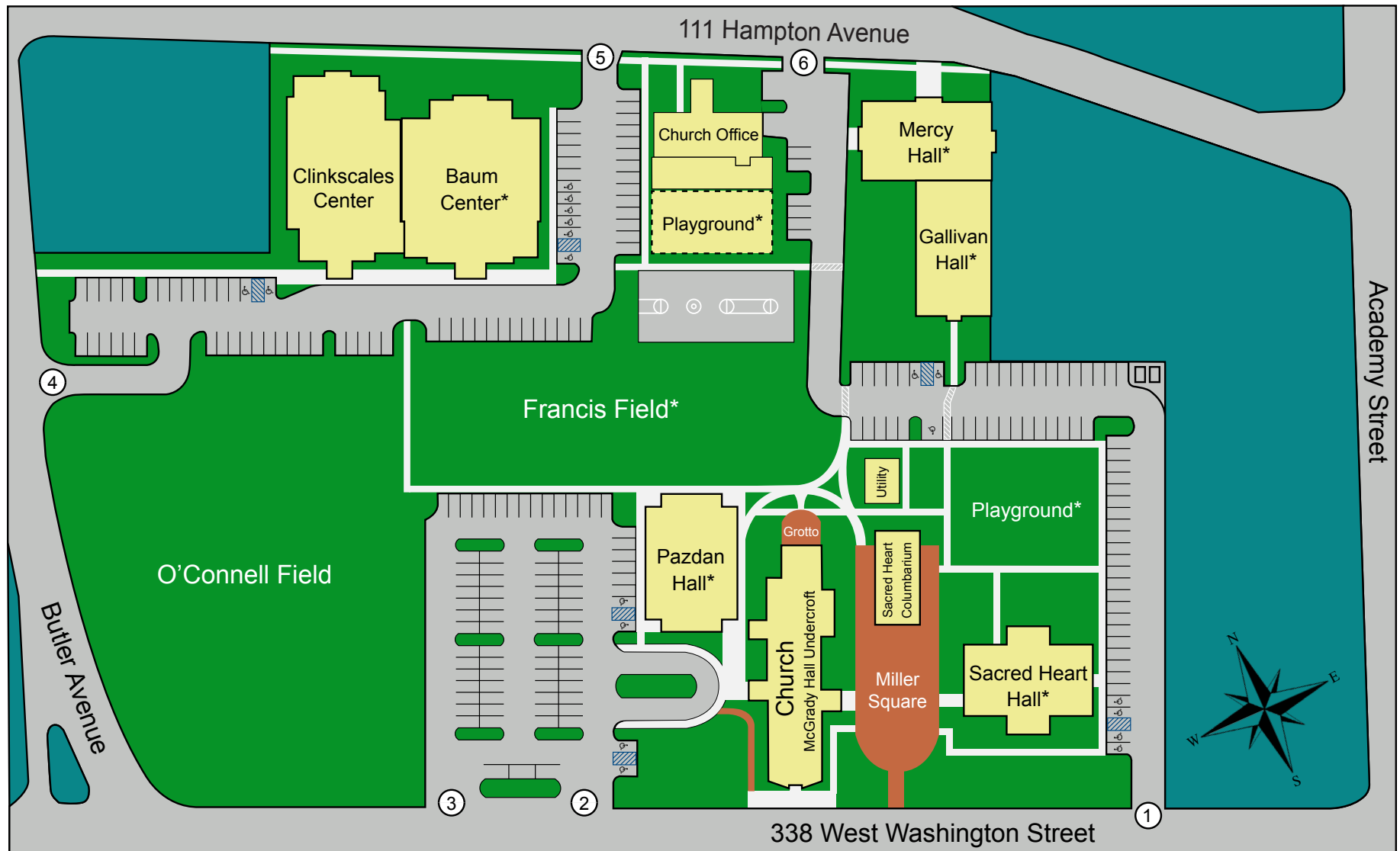
Greenville

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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