

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

27 July 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The word disciple means student, and with the arrival of the new school year, there are many opportunities at Saint Mary's for us all to be diligent students of the Lord Jesus.

All children in the parish from grades one through eight must receive Christian formation from one of three sources: 1) a Catholic school, 2) a Catholic homeschool, or 3) religious education on Wednesday evenings. If your children are not in our parish school or another Catholic school or homeschool, they need to attend our Wednesday evening classes which begin on 3 September, and registration will be available on our parish website starting 1 August. Also, if you have children in a Catholic homeschool or at Saint Joseph's School, please notify Linda Jackson, our Director of Catechesis, so that we are aware that they are receiving religious education elsewhere. And please note that all children who are preparing for First Confession, First Communion, or Confirmation must be registered with our parish office and receiving formation for these sacraments.

"An Introduction to Catholicism" is our course which includes the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, and anyone who wants to learn more about Catholic Christianity is invited to take this course which meets on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 pm beginning 20 August. This course is for three different groups of people: 1) those who are not yet Catholic but who are curious about or feel drawn to the Catholic Church, 2) those Catholics who have been away from the Church for some time and are returning to a regular practice of the faith, and 3) those adult Catholics who were baptized as children but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. There is no cost for this class, but registration on the parish website is required. Please plan now to join us beginning Wednesday 20 August and invite a friend to come along for An Introduction to Catholicism. Look for more information in the eBulletin.

Each year the Center for Evangelical Catholicism sponsors a conference on a topic of general interest to the cause of promoting the Gospel, and this year we will look at the work of the incomparable Dante Alighieri who was born in Florence, Italy in the late 13th century and is one of the most important thinkers and writers in Christian history. Our conference is entitled "The Divine Word in Human Words: Theology as Poetry," and all adults and mature high school students are invited to join us.

Our speakers will be Dr Robert Royal of The Catholic Thing and Dr Jason Baxter of Benedictine College. Both of these men are accomplished scholars and devoted students of Dante, and they will help us understand the sublime beauty of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. The conference is on Saturday 4 October from 8 am to 12.30 pm, and information on how to register is in the eBulletin.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 27 July

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7.30 am		Kristen Nietopski
9.00 am	4	Bill & Carol Rogers
11.00 am		Pro populo
1.00 pm		Spanish Mass

Monday 28 July Monday 28 July

7.00 am ♣ Elena Soto

Tuesday 29 July Tuesday 29 July

7.00 am Liliana Nielsen 10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 30 July Wednesday 30 July

7.00 am Molly Benedum 8.00 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study No Holy Hour & Confessions (resumes 6 August)

Thursday 31 July Thursday 31 July

7.00 am ♣ Caleb & Heather Hulsey

Friday 1 August Friday 1 August

7.00 am José Roberto Restrepo 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 2 August Saturday 2 August

5.00 pm Alton & Theresa Jeffeaux 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall P - Pazdan Hall C - Clinkscales

C - Clinkscales Family Center * All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed

Financial Report

Weekend of 19/20 July

 Needed
 41,300

 Received
 42,497

 Surplus
 + 1,197

Poor Box 773

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 123,900

 Received
 128,201

 Surplus
 + 4,301

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

Donations

Received 706,089

Still to Go 293,911

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 19/20 July

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5.00 pm	312
7.30 am	347
9.00 am	404
11.00 am	322
1.00 pm	372
Total	1,757

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

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

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, Larry Yapell.

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=TWZocW5t emFDQlcwQ2I4RWQwREFvUT09. Contact Bob Markway at Rmarkway@bellsouth.net for details.

Welcome Newcomers

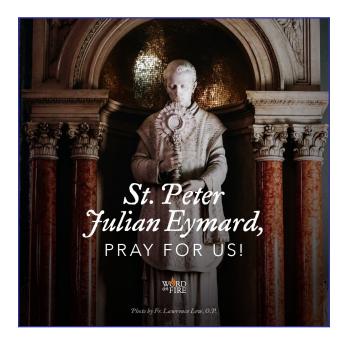
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Maria Esguerra, John Martin & Carolyn Byus, Russell & Rocky Moore, James Cancello, Yeimi Ramirez, Joshua Stokes, Benjamin & Amanda Hanley, Samuel & Mary Donahue, Jonathan Bruce & Abigail Shanley, Nicole Rawley, Christopher Whelton & Sarah Hess, Kevin McLeroy, Samuel Hall, Daniel Volan, Christopher & Sarah Pugh, Chase & Jessica Kemp.

Parish News

Collection for 26/27 July

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Support of the Parish

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



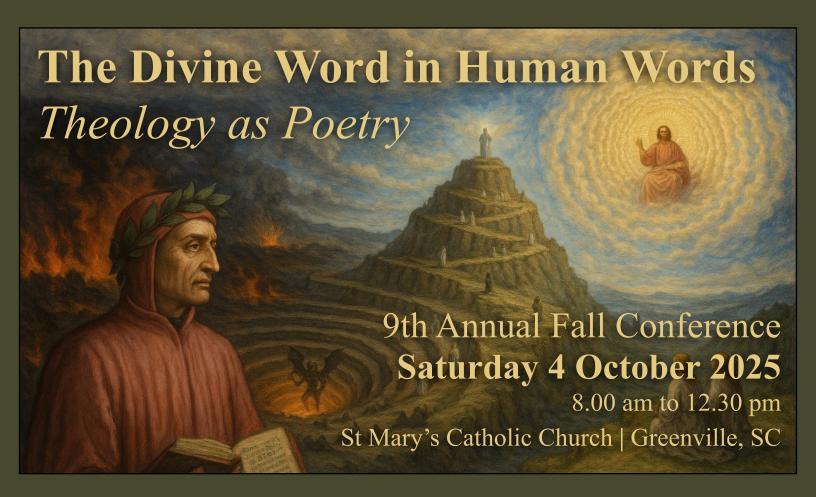
Nursery Closures

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

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year at 5.30 am (early group) and at 7.30 am (late group). 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. Please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356 if interested in joining us.

The Center for Evangelical Catholicism presents



Dr Robert Royal

Dr Royal is is a former Fulbright scholar, and holds a B.A. and M.A. from Brown University and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from The Catholic University of America. A prolific writer and sought after speaker on ethics, culture, religion, and politics, he has appeared on various radio and television stations nationally and internationally and his books have been translated into several languages. In addition, his articles have appeared in scholarly journals and publications including First Things, the Wilson Quarterly, the Catholic Historical Review, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, the Washington Times, and National Review. Dr. Royal is the founder and editor in chief of "The Catholic Thing," an online forum with daily columns on all things Catholic.

Dr Jason Baxter

Dr Baxter is the Director of the Center for Beauty and Culture at Benedictine College. He holds a Doctorate in Literature from the University of Notre Dame. Prior to joining Benedictine, he spent time as a visiting associate professor at Notre Dame preceded by twelve years at Wyoming Catholic College. His written works include *The Medieval Mind of C.S. Lewis and A Beginner's Guide to Dante's Divine Comedy*, among others, and he is currently working on an original translation of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. Baxter has written many academic and popular articles, and he frequently makes media appearances ranging from podcasts to EWTN.

\$50 per person | register online at www.evangelicalcatholicism.com

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.

Meetings are Monday nights from 6.30-8.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Introduction Meetings are Mondays 8, 15, 22 & 29 September.

Please contact Cristina Ortiz at 305.439.2172 or 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.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 29 July 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.

Word on Fire Digital

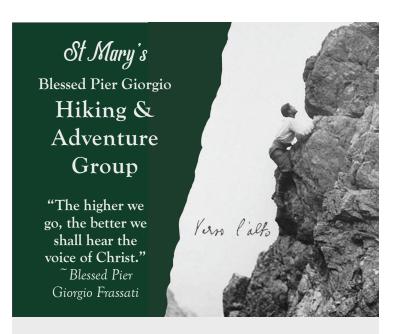


Word on Fire Digital is a subscription website paid for by St Mary's for all registered members.

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.



Our hiking group enjoyed a wonderful day together hiking and crossing rivers in the DuPont State Forest of WNC - followed by an enjoyable time with refreshments and bluegrass music at the Cedar Mountain Canteen. We do a variety of hikes, from Easy to Extremely Difficult, and plan to zip line the gorge in the next several months.

If you are interested in joining us, please sign up on the St Mary's Flocknote page under "Groups" or send an email to Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgvl.org



Social Ministries at St Mary's

Homeworks of America

Last October our St Mary's volunteer ministry teamed up with Homeworks of America to perform some much needed repairs for a low income homeowner in our Greenville community. The work took an unexpected twist when the back wall to the home literally fell off during other repairs. Replacement studs, OSB sheathing and house wrap were quickly installed to stabilize and protect the house and remained that way through the winter. On a beautiful Saturday afternoon last month, we once again returned to complete the work we started. The homeowner was overwhelmed at the generosity and we were blessed by the joy of giving to one in need.

St Mary's volunteer ministry organizes various types of one day service projects throughout the year to serve those in need. Projects include a variety of services in areas of need. We are looking for men, women, and youth 14+ to volunteer as they are available. If you are interested in receiving notifications for future volunteer opportunities, please contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgvl.org to be added to our distribution list.





St Mary's Religious Education



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

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2025-2026 year is now open. ALL children of the parish that do not attend St Mary's School (grades 1-8) must register with the Religious Education Office including Homeschool and St Joseph's Middle School students.

Register on the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/religious-education/

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes begin 3 September

Classes meet on Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30 pm

Monthly Parent Meetings will be announced soon

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes begin 7 September

Classes meet Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass in the K4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

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 <u>Inactive</u> 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.whalen@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

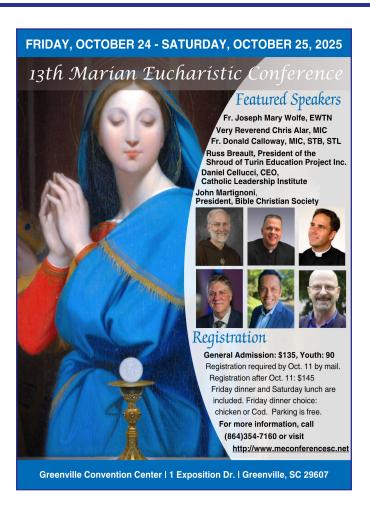
Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

https://charlestondiocese.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.





Diocesan News

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Prince of Peace

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." ~Colossians 3:2

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 <u>please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):</u>

Thursday 1 am & 2am* Saturday 11 am, 12 pm* & 10 pm



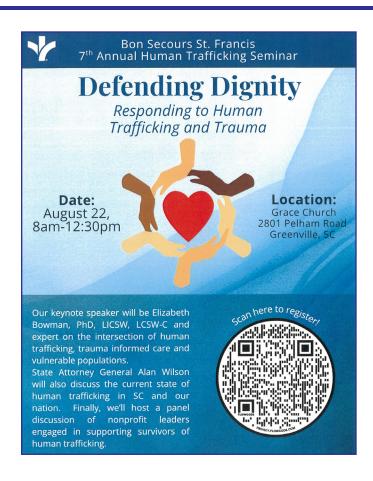
Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestondiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at https://charitiessc.org.

Men's Clothing Needed

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate is <u>in desperate</u> <u>need of all men's clothing items</u>! Donations can be dropped off at 2300 Old Buncombe Rd (in the white building behind San Sebastian Catholic Church) during the hours Tueday to Thursday from 9am to 1 pm or coordinate a day/time with Silvia at sloaiza@charlestondiocese.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@charlestondiocese.org or 864.331.2629 for more information.





Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

11 August at 6.00 pm at Jesus Our Risen Savior (Spartanburg) - monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com 14 August at 7.00 pm at St Francis Eastside - napronurse@aol.com

Virtual Sessions

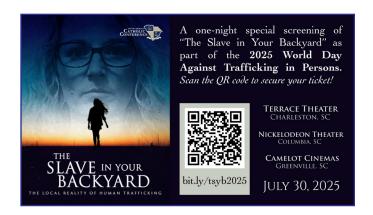
7 August at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com 7 August at 8.00 pm - emmamma.com/foundations 18 August at 6.00 pm - monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com 21 August at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

Family Honor Job Opening



Family Honor is moving our office to the Greenville area and we are looking for a part time (10 hours per week) Administrative/ Bookkeeping Assistant. Applicant must be detail-oriented and should

have at least three years work experience, specifically working with QuickBooks, DonorPerfect, and Excel. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who needs a flexible schedule and would enjoy working for a faith-based organization. To apply, email your resume to famhonor@ aol.com or contact 803.929.0858. Visit https://familyhonor.org/job-description-administrative-assistant/ for more details. Family Honor provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.





For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com



JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

charlestondiocese.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

& Columbia

BASILICA OF ST. PETER 1529 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29201 **visitstpeters.org** **Q** Charleston

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

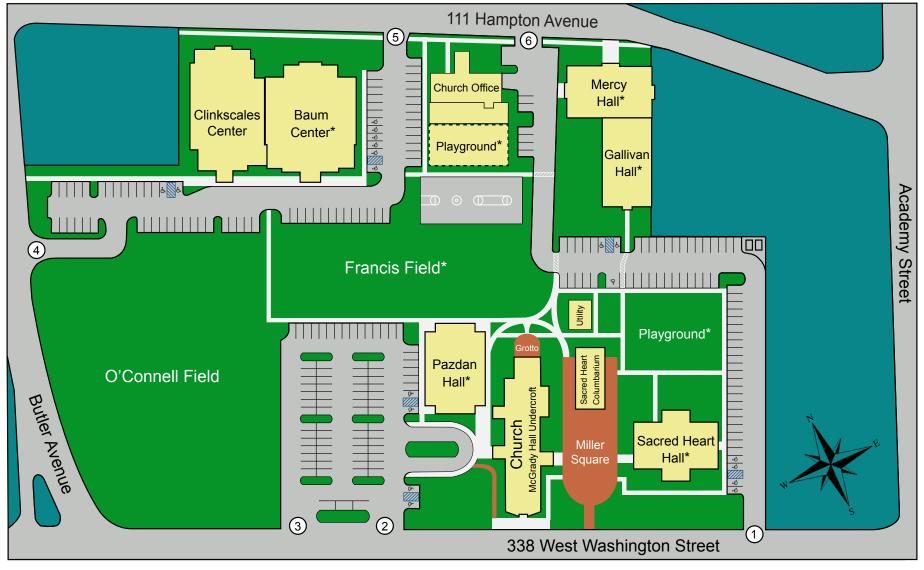
& Greenville

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.

The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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