



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

10 August 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Being accountable to other people is not something most of us enjoy, but there is zero possibility of living a life of authentic Christian discipleship apart from such accountability – both of our beliefs and of our behaviors. One essential component of being a faithful Catholic is attending Mass each Sunday, and except for times of travel away from home, this should ordinarily be done at one's own parish church. Claiming to be a parishioner of one parish while regularly attending another parish or not attending Sunday Mass at all is an impossible contradiction, and from time to time, a parish priest has the uncomfortable duty of pointing this out. The following observations are offered in the hope of clarifying some of the consequences of being a true parishioner here or not.

Please remember that no matter how often you come to Mass at Saint 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. Fulfilling these requirements is essential for those who plan to seek endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation and for those who intend to ask to receive Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage for themselves or their children and for those who want to receive parishioner tuition and/or financial aid for our parish school.

Establishing the fact of Mass attendance by use of the stewardship envelopes is not in any way an imposition on those who say that they are members of the parish in order to request a life changing sacrament or reduced tuition in the school. Being a member of any family automatically brings with it both privileges and duties, and expecting the privileges without fulfilling the duties is the mark of an adolescent. Being a mature disciple of the Lord Jesus also requires us to be accountable members of a parish family, and that in turn entails both worshipping with the parish family and helping the parish family pay its bills, each household according to its means.

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, you can still use the stewardship envelopes to establish an attendance record which is essential for all the purposes described above. Just check the box for EFT on the envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database, and I can tell with a key stroke who has been to Mass on any given Sunday.

How seldom can I come to Mass and how little can I give to receive what I want? That is minimalism, and it is the death of the soul. The Lord Jesus asks of us a total gift of self and a willingness to follow him in the Way of the Cross, and responding to his call with generosity is what frees us from the tyranny of our own disordered self-love. Let us resolve to surrender everything to Christ in the obedience of faith and in so doing to find the freedom of the children of God.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 10 August

7.30 am John Paul Nielsen
 9.00 am ✕ Roman Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 11 August

7.00 am ✕ Richard Beauchemin Jr

Tuesday 12 August

7.00 am Kristen Nietopski

Wednesday 13 August

7.00 am ✕ Debbie Fraser

Thursday 14 August

7.00 am ✕ Baby Grace Armaly

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil

7.00 pm Pro populo

Friday 15 August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7.00 am Annabella Whitty
 12.00 pm Andrew Burnos & Family

Saturday 16 August

5.00 pm Sherry Perkins

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 10 August

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Monday 11 August

Tuesday 12 August

Wednesday 13 August

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

Thursday 14 August

Friday 15 August

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 16 August

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 2/3 August

Needed	41,300
Received	42,574
Surplus	+ 1,274

Poor Box	499
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	206,500
Received	212,905
Surplus	+ 6,405

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	735,680
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Still to Go	264,320
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 2/3 August

5.00 pm	368
7.30 am	371
9.00 am	382
11.00 am	386
1.00 pm	392

Total	1,899
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G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
 C - Clinkscles
 Family Center

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
 unless a location is listed

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Harold Gallivan, 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.

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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Matthew & Irena Anderson, Patrick & Emily Corbett, Kimberly Williams, Diana Espinoza, Andrew & Catherine Landefeld.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 9/10 August

Disaster Relief
Support of the Parish

Collection for 15 August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Support of the Parish

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



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15 August

Holy Day of Obligation

We will celebrate three Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday 14 August at 7.00 pm and Friday 15 August at 7.00 am & 12.00 pm.

Congratulations to

Stephen Norton & Ryan Duffy who were married last weekend.

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.



REGISTER NOW!
Girls 6th to 12th grade
and women of all ages

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.

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.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

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

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.

The Center for Evangelical Catholicism presents

The Divine Word in Human Words *Theology as Poetry*

9th Annual Fall Conference
Saturday 4 October 2025

8.00 am to 12.30 pm

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Dr Robert Royal

Dr Royal 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



St Mary's Religious Education



For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson
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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 **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



AUGUST 26 | 7PM (EST)



MARRIAGE CATECHUMENATE WEBINAR

a continual path of evangelization



"Do you know what is the Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life that His Holiness, Pope Francis and the popes before him have entrusted to pastors, spouses and all those who provide pastoral care for families?"

Let us be empowered by Mary Rose and Ryan who have been appointed by His Holiness, Pope Francis as the Consultants of the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. They are well known international speakers on marriage and evangelization.



SPEAKERS

Mary Rose and Ryan Verret
Co-founders of Witness to Love

REGISTER in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/MarriageWeb25>
For more info, contact jflorend@charlestondiocese.org

Family Honor Job Opening

Family Honor is 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. 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.

Diocesan News

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Wednesday 8 am

Thursday 2am*

Saturday 11 am



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.

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
visitstpeters.org

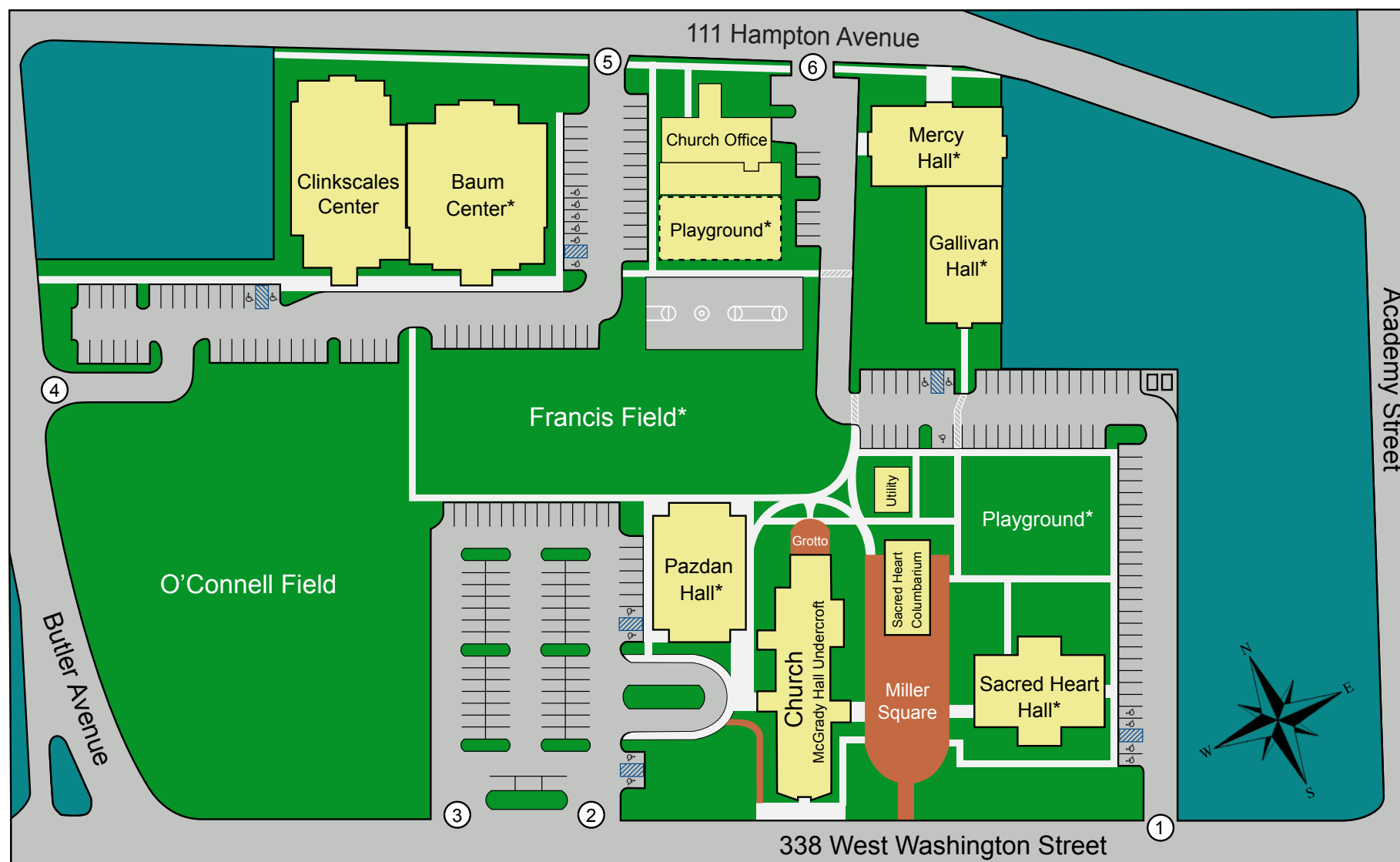
Greenville

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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