



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

21 September 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Who is eligible to serve as a sponsor in Baptism? Who is eligible to be married in the parish church? We regularly receive requests from people who want to get married at Saint Mary's or want to have their baby baptized here or who have been invited by a friend or relative to serve as a sponsor for a Baptism or Confirmation somewhere else. And very often these requests come from people who even if they are registered here are not regularly practicing the Catholic faith by participating in Sunday Mass. Such requests from non-practicing Catholics are one sign of the most important religious trend of our time: the majority of baptized Catholics in the United States live as though they are not Catholics, but despite not practicing the Catholic Faith they still think of and identify themselves as Catholics. This is part of the phenomenon that I call cultural Catholicism, and replacing moribund cultural Catholicism with vital evangelical Catholicism is an essential part of clarifying for everyone what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

One enters the Church, as through a door, by Baptism, and because most Catholics are baptized as infants or very young children, their parents and godparents must profess the Catholic Faith on their behalf. But if the parents and godparents are not practicing the Catholic Faith and living according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ by at a bare minimum attending Mass each Sunday, then they cannot make that profession of faith without swearing a false oath even if unintentionally. And that is why no pastor can grant permission for the baptism of a child whose parents are not practicing the faith or allow a non-practicing Catholic to serve as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. The sacraments of the New Covenant are not social events or ritual markers of the life cycle; they are instruments of God's grace and sacred mysteries of faith which must be approached with reverence and honesty about one's relationship with the living God.

Baptism is not a permanent membership card in the Church that confers privileges; it is an indelible mark on the soul that brings obligations. Baptism brings the Cross into our lives, both the burden and the victory of the Cross. I ask you who are reading this column to understand and be ready to explain all of this, because those who most need to hear this summons to continuing conversion will probably never read these words. They very rarely join us at Mass. They seldom hear the Gospel proclaimed and explained. They are not atheists, but they do not experience the grace of their own Baptism as a life-changing friendship with the Lord Jesus. In many ways they live their lives as though God does not exist, though if asked they would deny this. These are the 45 million "baptized pagans" or lapsed Catholics who constitute the largest religious body in the country, but while I cannot reach them, you can. You live and work side by side with them, and you may be the only evangelist they ever hear. Remember, then, that you are all missionaries and that with cultural Catholics you have a precious opportunity to teach by word and deed what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ and a member of his holy Catholic Church.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 21 September

7.30 am Evan Moore
9.00 am Bennett Lesley
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 22 September

7.00 am ✱ Mercedes Macalino

Tuesday 23 September

7.00 am Matthew Paxton Rice

Wednesday 24 September

7.00 am Grandchildren of the Parish

Thursday 25 September

7.00 am ✱ William E Clifford

Friday 26 September

7.00 am ✱ Carroll & Marie Justice

Saturday 27 September

5.00 pm Ana Maria Restrepo

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 21 September

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
After All Masses: SMCCW/KofC Food Drive
9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am Spanish Religious Education (G)
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)
6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 22 September

6.00 pm Fraternus (P)
6.00 pm Fidelis
6.30 pm Cub Scouts (M)

Tuesday 23 September

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 24 September

8.00 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study
9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.15 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)
6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 25 September

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 26 September

5.45-6.45 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 27 September

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 13/14 September

Needed 41,300
Received 42,826
Surplus + 1,526

Poor Box 542

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 454,300
Received 467,618
Surplus + 13,318

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

Donations Received 805,514

Still to Go 194,486

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 13/14 September

5.00 pm 374
7.30 am 318
9.00 am 491
11.00 am 394
1.00 pm 424

Total 2,001

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, Michael Venerdi, Joan Greenaway, Dean Zimmermann, Mel Fitzpatrick, Chris Howard, Bruce Cole, Jim Armstrong, Anna Roman, Edward Stone, Valentina Hernandez, Barbara Redding.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding its annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for St Mary's Parish 8th graders. The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St Peter to lead His Church on Earth. In an essay of 500-750 words, **out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?** Essay forms are available by contacting John McGrath at 864.270.3656. Deadline is 8 October.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast!

This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 21 September**. For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes.

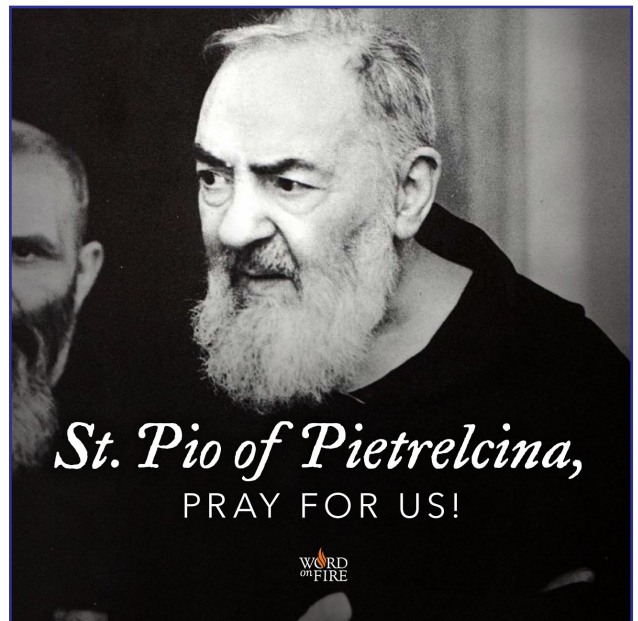
Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 20/21 September

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina
Support of the Parish

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



Church League Basketball

Deadline is Monday 22 September! The basketball program at St Mary's has teams for athletes from the ages of K5 through high school. This is a parishwide program and all St Mary's children (St Mary's School, Religious Education or Homeschoolers) are welcome to participate. Register at <https://smcgvl.org/church-league-basketball-program/>.

Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110.

Fall Food Drive

BENEFITTING ST. RAFKA'S FOOD PANTRY
Saturday, Sept 21 - Sunday, Sept 22

St. Rafka's Food Pantry is in great need of a variety of foods. The foods most needed include canned meats (ham, chicken, tuna), canned tomatoes, canned pinto beans, bags of Jasmine rice, applesauce, spaghetti, linguine, smooth peanut butter, chicken broth, grape or strawberry jam, and macaroni & cheese. Paper products needed include bathroom tissue, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent in pods, and paper towels.

Bring donations to the church parking lot before each of the weekend Masses. There will be volunteers to receive them.

Food is a basic human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help our neighbors. Every donation of food and/or paper products helps. **Thank you!**

Questions? Call or text Lisa Bethea at 864.423.0225.

Sponsored by St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women and Knights of Columbus.



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 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.

WELCOME PACK 521

**St Mary's Cub Scouts meet every
other Monday from 6:30-7:30pm**



All boys in 1st through 5th grades are welcome to join! No prior involvement is required-start at any level. A parent attends each meeting with their child. Contact Nick Upham with any questions
juph4m@gmail.com, 864-506-2384

**Activities include camping, Pinewood Derby,
Christmas parade, and more!**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a new Bible Study in the Monsignor Gwynn room in Sacred Heart Hall at 9.00 am every Sunday. This year we will dive into the Book of Ezekiel, exploring its rich prophecy and symbolism line by line. All are welcome to grow in faith and understanding through this in-depth study. Bring your Bible and a friend! Contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com.

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.

High School Youth Group

St Mary's High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6.00 pm in Pazdan Hall. All high school youth and 8th graders who have been confirmed are welcome. Contact Chris Ortiz at chris.ortiz@smcgvl.org for more information.

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION  VIRTUE  EXCELLENCE





Open House Week
October 13-17

Schedule your school tour
864.679.4117
nelle.palms@smcgv.org

Grades
K3-8



 Cognia Accredited
 National Blue
Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601  smcgv.org



Respect Life

SPiritUAL ADOPTION

Please join us weekly as we follow and pray for the lives of children in the womb. We are asking you to join us in this journey of the life of a child in danger of abortion, from conception to birth. Join us in praying that a particular, but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue their life.



We will pray the suggested prayer by the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen daily for the children and a Hail Mary for the parents of the children with the intention that God in His great mercy will grant the parents the courage to imitate the lives of Mary and Joseph.



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 5.45 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. **We are studying Genesis this fall.** 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 Peter Mathern (early group) at peter.mathern@gmail.com or 864.363.5658 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 23 & 30 September 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.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Fall Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 11
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

*Hope
That Does Not
Disappoint*



Maria Spears Mumaugh

Our speaker this year is Maria Spears Mumaugh. For over 25 years, Maria has traveled the world as a dynamic speaker, singer-songwriter, and worship leader - sharing a message of hope, joy, and God's faithfulness through both word and song. She has been featured on EWTN, spoken and sung for events such as World Youth Day, NCYC, and Youth 2000, released multiple albums (with her band His Own and as a solo artist), and co-authored the book *The Mirror: 7 Steps to REFLECT the Life You Want*.

Join Maria as she shares both the hopeful and the messy sides of walking with God when life doesn't go as planned. Unafraid of the real, raw and messy, through storytelling and scripture, she explores what to do when disappointment sets in, how to anchor your heart in God when you're struggling with trust and how true hope can actually grow stronger in the very places we feel let down.



Click [here to register](#) or use the QR Code below. Cost is \$25/person and includes breakfast and lunch. Retreat will be held in Pazdan Hall next to church on W. Washington St. Deadline to register is October 5. Questions? Email us at smccw@gmail.com.



St. Mary's Catholic Church
111 Hampton Ave.
Greenville, SC 29601



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

St Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC

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



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 1st Wednesday of the Month

Touching Safety Classes are this week 24 September at 6.00 pm.

All children that are participating will meet in Gallivan Hall.

Regular RE Classes will follow at 6.30 pm. If you **OPTED OUT**; please send your children to class at the normal time of 6.30 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

For More Information

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@smcgv.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 meet at 6.15 pm on Wednesdays in McGrady Hall (church undercroft).

Visit <https://smcgv.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> for more information.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgv.org for details 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 December 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

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!):

Sunday 12 am*

Monday 7 pm

Wednesday 8 am

Thursday 2 am*

Friday 8 am* & 12 pm*

Saturday 11 am & 2 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.

Join us for our first
Charleston Pink & Blue Gala
Daniel Island Club • Sept. 27, 2025 • 6:00 pm
Discounted Early Bird Tickets on sale starting July 27!

St. Clare's Home is a maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety and security. We are proud to announce the opening of our second location in the Charleston area. Please support the home by joining us for our Pink and Blue Gala.

We can't host a successful event without your help! Please consider becoming a sponsor or donating auction items today.

Scan QR code or visit PBGC2025.givesmart.com for tickets and more info.
Early Bird: \$150 Regular Ticket: \$175

Find out more here!

Contact Colleen Chmiel for Questions
StClarevolunteer@charlestandiocese.org
843-259-1108

St. Clare's Home
RESTORING HOPE - SAVING LIVES

Natural Family Planning Training

Discover a beautiful, faith-aligned way to plan your family naturally. Dr Andy Lane, a women's health specialist at Prisma Health, is seeking 10 couples to learn the Marquette Method of NFP as part of his certification program through Marquette University. **This training is being offered free of charge to these first 10 couples (normally valued at \$250-\$300).** Participation includes three brief education sessions (initial, 1-month follow-up, and 6-month follow-up). Visit the Boland Institute for Natural Family Planning website at <https://www.marquette.edu/nursing/institute-natural-family-planning/model.php> to learn more about the Marquette method of NFP. Interested couples please contact Andrew.Lane2@prismahealth.org for details.

40 Days for Life



40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. You are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our fall campaign from 24 September through 2 November. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> to sign up for local events. Please contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid at 864.329.0044 with questions.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally Tuesday 23 September at 6.30 pm in the parking lot of Christ the King Church (1223 Grove Rd). Guest speaker Christy Brown, Culture of Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Charleston, will speak to us about Rachel's Vineyard, a post-abortive ministry in the Diocese. Parking is on the premises. Come and enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and draw for door prizes. Bring a chair.

Life Chain Sunday 5 October at 2.30 pm on Woodruff Rd and different locations in SC. Please join others across the country and Canada for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. Your church is assigned the same place on the route as last year. Contact Ingrid for sign pick up information.

40 Days for Life Midpoint Candlelight Vigil is Monday 13 October at 7.00 pm in OLR Outdoor Memorial Chapel. We will pray the Rosary in different languages and praise the Lord with singing. Greg Grimm, Choral Section Leader & Solo Artist will lead the singing.

Rosaries for Life Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society and for an end to other assaults on human life. Email your count each week to familylife@charlestdiocese.org.

Sidewalk Counseling Training Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org

St Joseph's Open House

Experience the welcoming community at Saint Joseph's Catholic School by joining us for our Open House for grades 9-12 on Wednesday 1 October at 8.30 am. You'll have a chance to hear directly from our school leadership, interact with dedicated faculty and current students, tour our campus and learn all about our innovative new schedule. Register at <https://bit.ly/41ItHLO>.



HOPE

and Healing Retreat

for infertility and child loss to miscarriage,
stillbirth and early infant loss

SATURDAY • SEPT 27 • 10AM
ST ANNE & ST JUDE CHURCH
1855 BECKWOOD RD, SUMTER, SC 29153

Seven Sorrows Rosary Meditation and Reflection
Intro to HOPE Infertility Ministry
Saint Padre Pio Mass
and Healing Service

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/HOPERetreat25>
For more info: contact.jflorendo@charlestdiocese.org



YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT

Face to Face
Questions that search the heart

October 17-19, 2025
Diakonia Retreat Center

Open to all young adults ages 18-35. This retreat is not about lectures or easy answers. It's about looking at the One who sees you first. Come away for a time of rest, silence, and personal encounter with Christ through Scripture, prayer, and community. You won't be asked to be perfect—just to be present.

- Reflect.
- Be still.
- Be known.

Are you willing to let Him ask you the deeper questions?

Cost
\$90 per person for a shared room
\$170 for a single private room or married couple

Scholarships are available if this is a hardship! Contact Ella Haas: eghaas@charlestdiocese.org



Retreat Leader
Mike Sylvester



register now!
Registration closes
September 26, 2025



Retreats

for single, Catholic women, ages 17 - 30

AT THE MOTHERHOUSE

Come & See

Oct. 24-26, 2025

Jesu Caritas

Feb. 20-22, 2026

Registration begins Nov. 1
(or Dec. 1 for returning retreatants)

Vocation Discernment

Nov. 6-9, 2025

Jan. 8-11, 2026

Mar. 5-8, 2026

REGIONAL DISCERNMENT DAYS



Scan for dates
and locations



At all Motherhouse retreats, our guests are treated to a monastic experience of prayer, attend retreat conferences, and have the opportunity for silence, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the sacrament of Penance.

JESU CARITAS RETREATS

These weekend retreats explore different topics that are a focus within the Church, offering spiritual insight for those who love the Church. Retreatants have the opportunity to spend time with the sisters throughout the weekend.

COME & SEE RETREATS

These weekend retreats are for young women who are discerning their vocation and desire an experience of religious life to aid their discernment. There will be opportunities for prayer and silence, conferences on a particular retreat theme, and time to be with the sisters and meet others who have an earnest desire for God.

VOCATION RETREATS

These four-day retreats are designed for young women who are discerning their vocation and they provide an opportunity to explore the life and charism of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Those on retreat attend talks on St. Dominic, St. Cecilia, Marian Devotion, discernment and the formation process. Panels on vocations and the apostolate allow retreatants to hear testimonies and ask questions. Retreatants join the Novitiate for recreation, enter into the monastic customs of the community, and visit several schools of the Congregation to see the apostolate.

REGIONAL DISCERNMENT DAY RETREATS

These one-day retreats will be offered in various places where our sisters serve. During the retreat, women will be invited to one of our convents to have an experience of our life including liturgy, prayer, conferences, and community.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When does the retreat begin and end? Registration begins at 2:30pm on the first day of the retreat, and orientation takes place at 4:00pm. It is helpful to arrive by 3:30 so you have time to settle before the orientation. Retreats conclude at 1:00pm on Sunday.

What is the cost? \$50 suggested donation. Fees may be paid upon arrival. Please let us know if this fee is a hardship.

What about transportation? If you are flying, we will provide transportation between the Nashville airport and the Motherhouse. You can provide flight information when you register.

How do I register for a retreat? Contact the Vocation Director at 615.256.0147 or vocation@op-tn.org to receive a registration form. An interview with the vocation director is necessary before registering for the Vocation Retreat (please reach out at least a month in advance if you have not been in touch before). Space is limited, so please register early.



JUBILEE 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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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

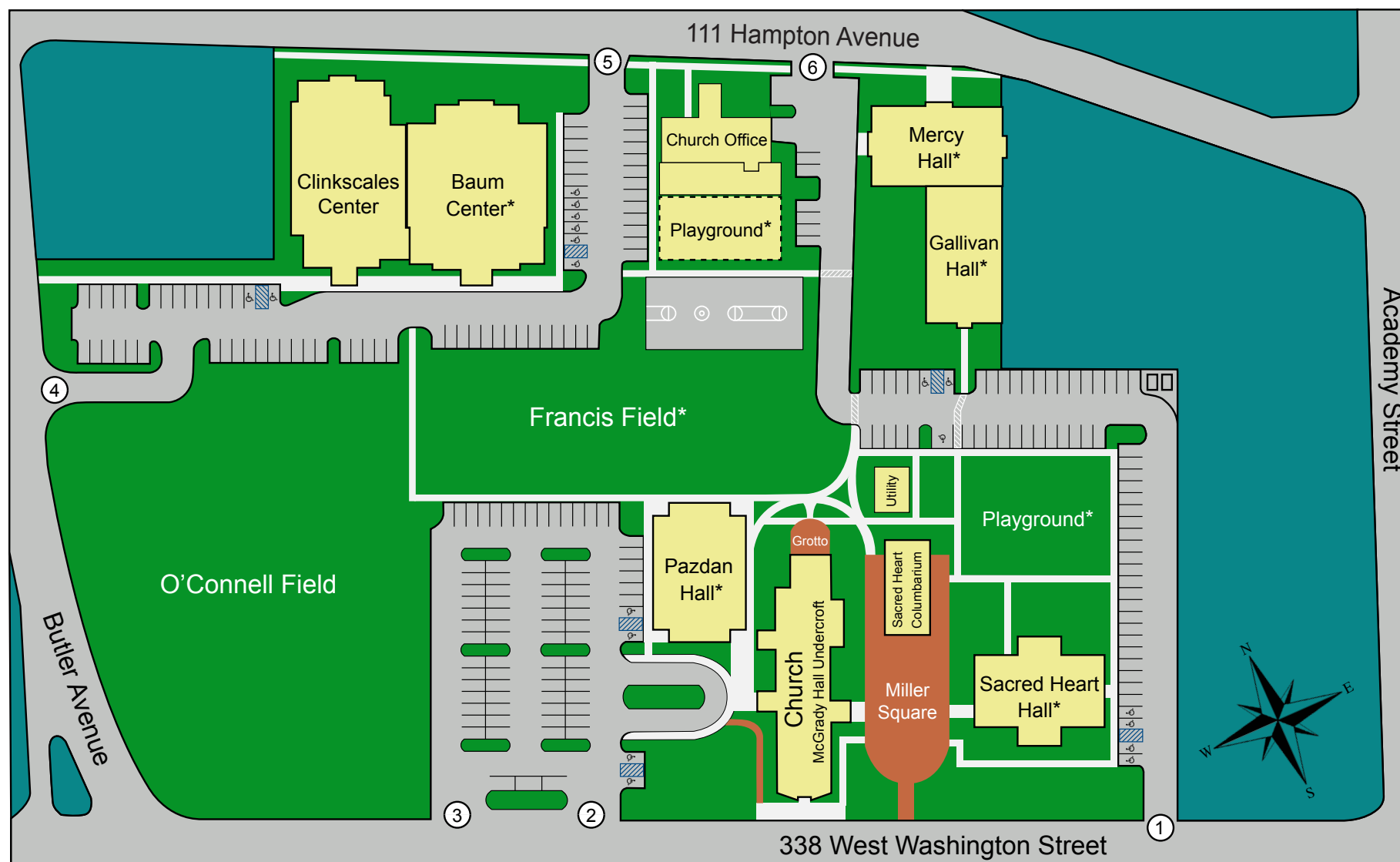
Greenville

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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