



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

16 November 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Eighth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “All the baptized are sent in the Great Commission to be witnesses of Christ to others and must be equipped by the Church to teach the Gospel in word and deed. An essential dimension of true discipleship is the willingness to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and the readiness to explain his Gospel.”

As he returned to his Father’s glory, the Lord Jesus gave these last instructions to his Church: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20) This command is known as the Great Commission, and all who fulfill this task are missionaries. But we must not think of missionaries only as priests and religious who travel to distant lands to preach the Gospel to those who have never heard of the Lord Jesus. The mission field is everywhere, and everyone baptized into the death and Resurrection of Christ is a missionary. Your home, your family, your neighborhood, your school, your work place, your clubs and circles of friends, your political activities, your places of play and recreation: all of these are mission territory, and you are a missionary.

Compared to our Protestant brethren, Catholics have historically been considered very quiet Christians; most of us would rather live our religion than talk about it, and the idea of actually explaining our faith to others and then inviting them to follow the Lord Jesus in the Catholic Church is something that usually provokes either nervous laughter or blind terror. But this odd reticence to talk about the Gospel is not of the Church’s design or making; it is in part an unintended consequence of the division of labor in the Church, with clergy and religious on one side of the divide and the lay faithful on the other. But the Great Commission is given to all who are baptized, not just to priests and religious, and so the privilege and duty of making disciples of all nations falls to every Christian of every age without a single exception. You are a missionary.

In the first seven principles of Evangelical Catholicism, we have seen that our lives must be Christ-centered and that this is possible only when we live in the Church, sustained by her sacraments and nourished by her teaching. Now in this eighth and final principle we see that the life of grace is not given to us for our own sake, but for the sake of those to whom we are sent as witnesses. To be a disciple of Christ demands that we be willing at all times to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and be ready to explain his Gospel. At our Baptism, the Lord Jesus called each of us by name to follow him in the Way of the Cross. May we heed that call by living as Evangelical Catholics who bear witness to the Savior through radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 16 November

7.30 am	✠ Thomas & Virginia Curley
9.00 am	✠ Lenore C Cole
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 17 November

7.00 am	Zulianne Nietopski
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Tuesday 18 November

7.00 am	✠ Monsignor Joseph Lamonde
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Wednesday 19 November

7.00 am	✠ Joseph Tupay
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Thursday 20 November

7.00 am	William Miros & Family
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Friday 21 November

7.00 am	✠ Concetta Cambardella
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Saturday 22 November

5.00 pm	✠ Mary Howard
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 16 November

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 am Masses (P)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
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 17 November

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

Tuesday 18 November

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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Wednesday 19 November

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 20 November

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 21 November

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 22 November

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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G - Gallivan Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
C - Clinkscales
Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 8/9 November

Needed	41,300
Received	43,941
Surplus	+ 2,641

Poor Box	960
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	784,700
Received	810,500
Surplus	+ 25,800

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org.

2025 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	917,211
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Still to Go	82,789
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 8/9 November

5.00 pm	326
7.30 am	398
9.00 am	482
11.00 am	434
1.00 pm	451

Total	2,091
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Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on
Wednesday 26 November.

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, Jim Armstrong, Anna Roman, Edward Stone, Valentina Hernandez, Barbara Redding, Molly Fitzpatrick, Helena Howard, Paul Norman, Daniel McGee.

Christmas Flower Memorials



St Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church, gym and Gallivan Hall for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose.

If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). **Please print** your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than **Sunday 14 December** for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Congratulations to

Jamie Duff and Luke Bikulege who were married last weekend.

Oakley Grace Thomason who was baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 15/16 November

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina
Support of the Parish

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



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 16**

November. 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.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closures

Mass will not be celebrated on Thursday 27 November (Thanksgiving Day) and the church will be closed all day. After the 7.00 am Mass on Friday 28 November the church will be closed all day. The parish office will close at 12.00 pm on Wednesday 26 November and will reopen on Monday 1 December at 9.00 am.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 18 & 25 November 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.

Women of Grace Bible Study

Women of Grace Bible Study meets the first and third Sunday of each month at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. This year we are studying *Acts, The Spread of the Kingdom* by Ascension Press. Please contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@smcgvl.org for more information.



2025 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

St. Mary's Catholic Church
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Questions? Contact Cathy Spitzmiller at
864.380.8091 or thespitzmillers@gmail.com



St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC

Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Championship



Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 will hold its Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of 1 January 2026) at St Mary's Baum Center on Saturday 6 December at 3.30 pm.

Entry forms can be obtained from Megan Holliday or John McGrath. Secondary school athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. Please contact John McGrath at 864.270.3656 for more information.



JOIN US!

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

CHRISTMAS
luncheon

Tuesday, | 9 | 11:30 am -
December | 2:00 pm

Poinsett Club
807 E. Washington St.

SMCCW cordially invites all women of St. Mary's (and their significant other) to join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon.
Cost: \$26-28, taxes & gratuities included

[Click here to register](#), or use the QR Code below.
Deadline to register is Monday, December 1.
Questions? Email us at: smccwgl@gmail.com.

Please bring a donation of food (no sweets) for a Christmas Gift Basket for the 16 sisters of the Monastery of St. Clare.



125th Anniversary
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

St. Mary's Catholic School
For God and Country

125th Anniversary - 2025
Greenville, SC

\$20 each



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Respect Life

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Week 8

At eight weeks, the baby is 05-1" long. By the end of the week, all the essential organs and body systems have begun to develop and baby's tiny trunk and limb buds are now twitching and making spontaneous movements.



Prayer by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the pre-born baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

please join us for

solemn vespers



**sundays
5.00 pm**

**23 november
30 november
7 december
14 december
21 december
4 january**



prayer ✱ plainchant ✱ polyphony

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



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
Next Monthly Parent Meeting is 3 December

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in
Sacred Heart Hall. (registration required)

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://vocations.charlestdiocese.org>

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.



IVF AND THE NATURAL LAW: UNDERSTANDING CHURCH TEACHING

6:00 p.m.
Saturday
November 22



Parish Life
Building
Fellowship Hall

- HOW SHOULD WE UNDERSTAND RECENT NEWS ABOUT IVF?
- WHY DOES THE CHURCH TEACH THAT IVF IS "OBJECTIVELY DISORDERED"?

The main presentation will be given by Dr. Murray Daw, Dean's Distinguished Professor, Clemson University, followed by a short presentation on the benefits of NaPro Technology by Dr. Jordan O'Steen, MD

The event is free, and adults and teens are welcome.

Childcare is available for a \$5 donation per child.

Please register by November 18 at www.smmcc.org/rsvp-ivf or scan the QR code.

Email respectlife@smmcc.org if you have any question.



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Diocesan News

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy." ~St Carlo Acutis

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 & 9 am

Thursday 2 am*

Friday 12 pm

Saturday 11 am & 2 pm

Sunday 4 am*



WOMEN'S DAY OF DISCERNMENT

November 15 | 10am-3pm

St. Thomas More | 1610 Greene St. Columbia, SC

Day will include Mass, lunch, & talks!

Ages 18-35

For more information, email vocations@charlestdiocese.org

Scan or click the QR Code to fill out an interest form



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

THE EVANGELIZING POWER OF BEAUTY WITH JOSEPH PEARCE

NOVEMBER 17
7P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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Discover how the beauty of Catholic art and culture can win souls for Christ and His Church.

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Simpsonville, SC 29681

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Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

19 November at 6.00 pm at
St Joseph (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com

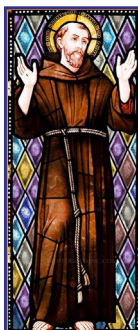
Virtual Sessions

20 November at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

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



Do you love St. Francis?
Do you love his love for the Gospel?
Do you love his simplicity and care for the poor?
Do you love his love for God's Creation?



Do you have a call to follow his example as a Secular Franciscan?
Secular Franciscans are married and single and live in the world
as they follow Christ in Franciscan spirituality.

Drop in at Christ on Main for an informal reception with
refreshments and a chance to learn about the Secular Franciscans.

Our Lady of Good Counsel fraternity embraces
all the Catholic churches in the Upstate.
We'd love to meet you!



CHRIST ON MAIN

Tuesday, December 16, 5 - 7 p.m.

14 South Main Street, Greenville

Bookstore will remain open until 5:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public. Donations accepted.

Early Bird Tickets on sale for

5th Annual Pink & Blue Gala

FEB 7 6PM

Flour Dining Venue

100 Fluor Daniel Dr, Greenville, SC 29607

St. Clare's Home is a maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety and security. Please help us support our mission by attending the gala. We will have a delicious meal provided by New Southern Way Catering, great speakers, and a live and silent auction.

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 PBGG2026.givesmart.com for tickets & more info.

Early Bird: \$100
Regular: \$125

Find out more here!

Contact Colleen Chmiel for Questions
StClaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org
843-259-1108

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7th ANNUAL CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 22, 2025

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temperament and other
gifts that make you
unique and
wonderfully made.

DISCERN how God
wants you to use them.

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Women's Retreat

at Heart Ridge

NOV. 21-23, 2025
Sunset, SC

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
visitsstpeters.org

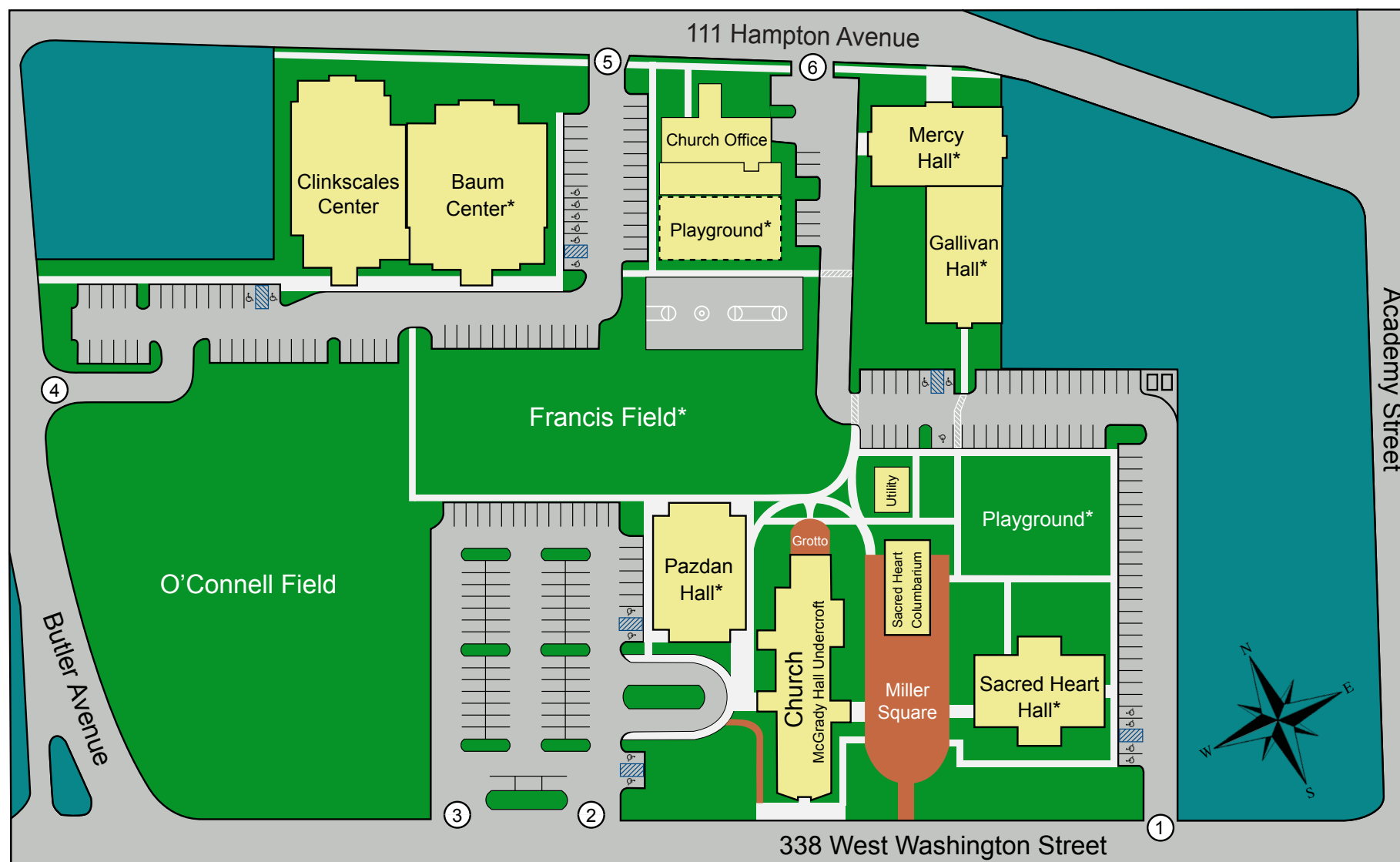
Greenville

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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