



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

23 November 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

If Jesus is not Lord *of* all in my life, he is not Lord *at* all in my life. That is the way Father Richard John Neuhaus used to make the point that there are no part-time Christians, and on this Solemnity of Christ the King, the Church bids us consider the many ways in which Christ either is or is not the Lord of all in my life.

Becoming an obedient disciple of Jesus Christ is first and last a work of God's grace, but living under the lordship or dominion of Christ requires our cooperation with his grace. And that is why the Church's mission to the nations begins with Christ's clarion call to conversion: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1.15)

By our Baptism we are called to repent of our sins and receive the Gospel as a complete, coherent, comprehensive way of life, and this we do by becoming disciples or students of the Lord Jesus. But to live as true disciples of Christ, everything about us must be measured and guided by the Gospel: our thoughts, words, deeds, relationships, spending habits, political convictions, religious beliefs, leisure activities, lifestyle choices, business decisions... in sum, everything. Moreover, this total surrender to Christ is not a restriction of our freedom; this is the evangelical freedom of the children of God - not the license to do whatever we want but the liberty to do everything we should. As the Lord Jesus teaches, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8.32)

But how are we to do this? How are we to allow Jesus Christ to be Lord of all in our lives? We begin by knowing the Gospel, believing the Gospel, living the Gospel, and sharing the Gospel with others, and the privileged place for this to happen is in the sacred liturgy, the source and summit of the Church's life. Then what begins in prayer finds expression in our service of those in need and our witness in the public square to the liberating truth of the Word of God. Right worship, right belief, and right living are the most compelling testimony we can offer to the world that the Son of Mary is the Son of God and the shepherd king of all creation, and we grow stronger in that public witness by following the Way of the Cross and embracing radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism. The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for this Solemnity expresses this great mystery in these words:

"Almighty and eternal God... you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption, and making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 23 November

7.30 am ✕ Dorothy Doyle
9.00 am ✕ Gene Henderson
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 24 November

7.00 am ✕ Andy Macalino

Tuesday 25 November

7.00 am Catherine LaPenna

Wednesday 26 November

7.00 am ✕ Edmund Nietopski

Thursday 27 November

Thanksgiving Day - No 7.00 am Mass,
Church Closed

Friday 28 November

7.00 am ✕ Kathleen Kelly
Nelson Hurley
Church Closed After 7.00 am Mass

Saturday 29 November

5.00 pm ✕ Walter Saiko

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 23 November

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)

Monday 24 November

Tuesday 25 November

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 26 November

Parish Office Closes at 12.00 Noon
No Holy Hour & Confessions
No Religious Education Classes

Thursday 27 November

Thanksgiving Day - Parish Office Closed

Friday 28 November

Parish Office Closed

Saturday 29 November

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 15/16 November

Needed	41,300
Received	43,606
Surplus	+ 2,306

Poor Box	690
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	826,000
Received	854,106
Surplus	+ 28,106

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	957,375
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Still to Go	42,625
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 15/16 November

5.00 pm	356
7.30 am	412
9.00 am	441
11.00 am	409
1.00 pm	402

Total	2,020
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G - Gallivan Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
C - Clinkscals
Family Center

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

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on
Wednesday 26 November.

No 7.00 am Mass on Thursday 27 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, Jennifer Swyer.

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

Madeleine Devine and Andrew Nico who were married last weekend.

Asher Banks Bryant and Clara Rose Sweeney who were baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 22/23 November

Guatemalan Mission
Support of the Parish

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



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.

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.



2025 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Mary, Help of Christians

PRE-ORDER NOW

\$20 each. Pick-up at St. Mary's Bake Sale & Bazaar
Dec. 6 & 7, Pazdan Hall, after all English Masses.
Retired ornaments are also available. Supplies limited.
Click HERE or use the QR Code to place your order.
Questions? Contact Cathy Spitzmiller at
864.380.8091 or thespitzmillers@gmail.com

SMCCW CELEBRATING 100 Years of Service 1925-2025

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.

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JOIN US!

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

CHRISTMAS luncheon

Tuesday, December | **9** | 11:30 am - 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.

The St. Jerome Society
Reading excellent literature in community.

This month we will be reading and discussing...

A Canticle for Leibowitz
by Walter M. Miller, Jr.

December 2nd, 2025 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Second-floor conference room, Sacred Heart Hall
The first half hour will be reserved for fellowship and light refreshments.

To learn more and subscribe to the newsletter, please visit
stjeromesociety.substack.com

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Respect Life

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Week 9

Nine weeks from conception, baby's heart can be heard on a hand held Doppler. The placenta has developed and is providing hormones and essential nutrients to help baby grow.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
Luke 1:41

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

A Prayer to Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
The beginning and end of all things,
You have made your Church to be a people
that bears witness to the goodness and
beauty of your kingdom.

By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one
body, called to live as one family of God.

Fill our hearts with your grace,
that we would be close to you
by being close to the vulnerable
and marginalized.

Give us the patience to share one
another's burdens,

And give us the courage to always be friends
of the truth.

May we remain with you always.
Amen.

Committee for
Religious Liberty

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Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

Knights of Columbus Council #13112 invites you
to participate in a food drive in service of

Our Lady's Pantry

Drop off before Masses on
Saturday & Sunday 6-7 December

Suggested Donations based on current needs

CEREAL

PASTA

GRITS

CANNED FRUITS

CANNED VEGETABLES

CANNED BEANS

CANNED PROTEINS (chicken, tuna, etc)

MAYONNAISE

KETCHUP

CONDIMENTS

BAR SOAP

TOOTHPASTE

SHAMPOO

These items can be found in bulk at warehouse stores or via Amazon

Drop off at Our Lady's Pantry
blue box van in the church parking lot



Monetary donation checks can be made out to **Catholic Charities**. Please note **OLP Greenville** on the memo line.

Oratorio de Noël

by Camille Saint-Saëns

Christmas Oratorio
Sunday 11 January at 5.00 pm
The Baptism of the Lord



*Sung by the Choir and Soloists of
St Mary's Church with strings, organ, and harp*

Dr Adam Pajan, Director of Sacred Music ♦ Fr Jay Scott Newman, Pastor



St Mary's Religious Education



Happy Thanksgiving

Religious Education Grades 1-8

NO RE CLASSES THIS Week

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Next Parent Meeting is 3 December

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

NO PRESCHOOL CLASS NEXT WEEK, Sunday 30 November

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

For More Information

Contact Linda Jackson

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.



Guatemala INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Support Catholic Charities of South Carolina and the Diocese of Charleston in providing Medical Care and Catholic Education to the people of San Pedro La Laguna in Guatemala!

WATCH THE VIDEO:

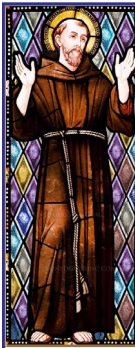



SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED

SECOND COLLECTION
NOVEMBER 22-23

- Twice a year, Catholic Charities sends medical professionals to Guatemala on a Medical Mission.
- The funds from this collection help support a **full-time doctor and nurse** and a **K-8 Catholic School** educating over 300 children in Guatemala.

LEARN MORE AT
missions-doc.org

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!

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.




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>.

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!):

Monday 1 am*
Wednesday 8 am
Thursday 2 am*
Friday 12 pm
Saturday 11 am & 2 pm
Sunday 4 am

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 PBGC2026.givesmart.com for tickets & more info.

Early Bird: \$100
Regular: \$125



Find out more here!



 **St. Clare's Home**
RESTORING HOPE • SAVING LIVES

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

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

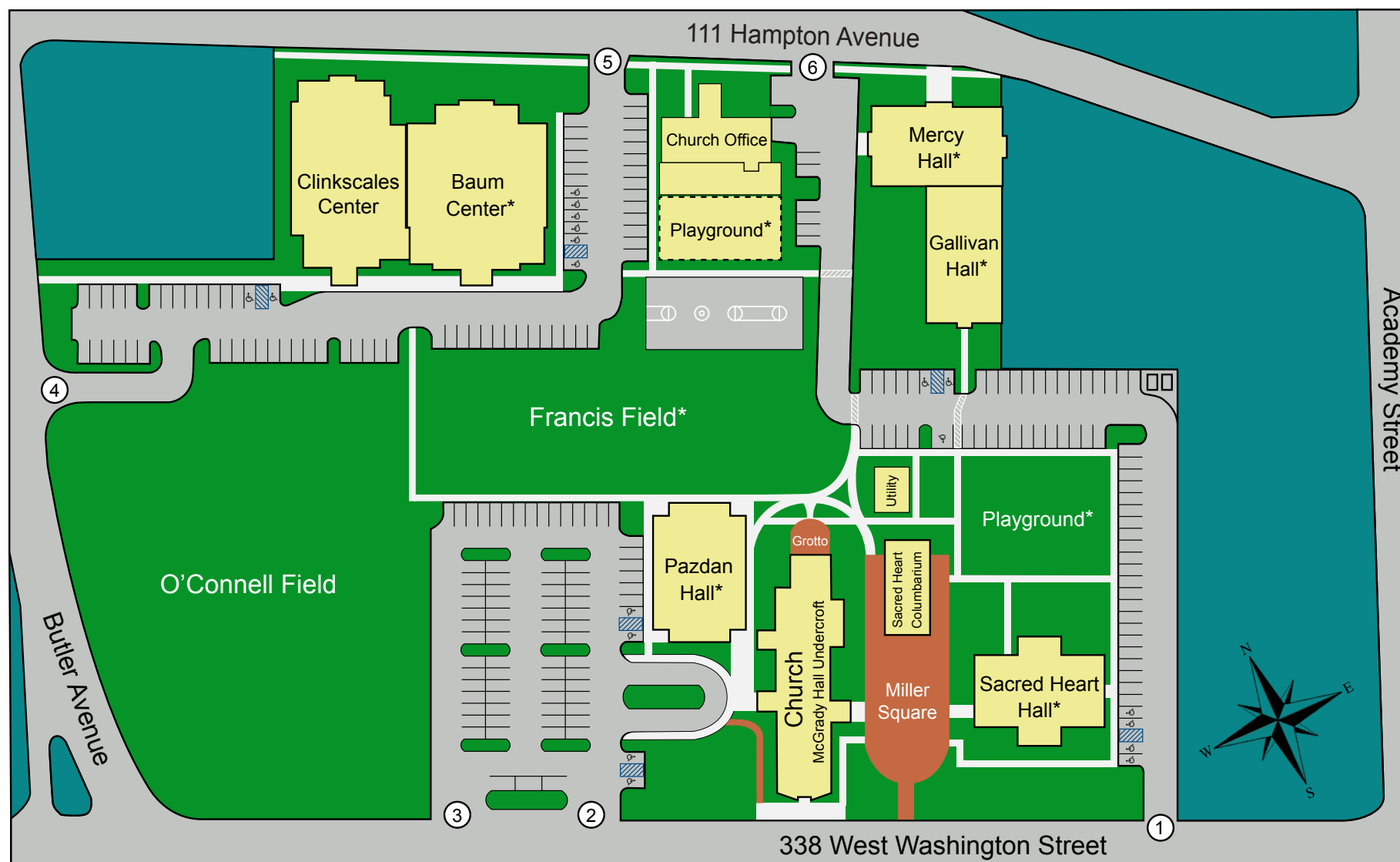
Greenville

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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