



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

18 January 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” But when Thomas Jefferson wrote those immortal words in the summer of 1776, these truths were far from self-evident to most of the human race, and demonstrating their truth is among the main purposes and foundational principles of the nation to which the Declaration of Independence helped give birth.

On 4 July 2026, the United States of America will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Independence Day and the 200th anniversary of the deaths of two of our Founders: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. In the six months between now and that national celebration, I encourage everyone to learn more about the American Revolution and the intellectual, moral, and political movements that gave shape to what John Adams called “the most complete, unexpected, and remarkable (revolution) of any in the history of nations.” There are many books, documentaries, and entertaining films available, including:

“John Adams” is a magnificent biography of our second president by David McCullough, and HBO made a splendid television series by the same name which dramatizes the events leading to the Revolution and the first years of our new Republic.

Rick Atkinson has written two of three planned volumes on our founding. The two already published are “The British are Coming” and “The Fate of the Day,” and his third volume is still being written. These two books are a deep dive into the causes, means, and effects of the War for Independence, and Atkinson appears many times in the new documentary by Ken Burns called “The American Revolution” available for streaming from several sources.

A lighter note can be found in the wonderful film called “1776” which was released in 1972 and is based on a Broadway musical. It is a fictional account of the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence, but it is faithful to the main facts of those dramatic days and provides a sense of the dangers and possibilities faced by our new nation.

Robert Reilly wrote “America on Trial: A Defense of the Founding” as an intellectual history to defend the origin and structure of our Republic from critics on both the Left and the Right who misunderstand what the American Revolution accomplished and how it is different from other revolutions, including the French Revolution.

Come July 4th, let us be prepared for a worthy celebration of our 250th Independence Day.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 18 January

7.30 am	Chris Miros & Family
9.00 am	† Jamarion Hawthorne
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 19 January

7.00 am	† Gloria Richardson
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Tuesday 20 January

No 7.00 am Mass	† Argemira Palacio
	<i>Intention Offered at Convocation of Priests</i>

Wednesday 21 January

No 7.00 am Mass	† JoAnne Harrison
	<i>Intention Offered at Convocation of Priests</i>

Thursday 22 January

7.00 am	† Mr & Mrs James T Mooney Sr
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Friday 23 January

7.00 am	Mooney Children
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Saturday 24 January

5.00 pm	Antoinette Costigliola
	M - McGrady Hall C - Clinkscales Family Center

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 18 January

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 Bible Class (G)
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)
6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 19 January

Martin Luther King Jr Day - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 20 January

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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Wednesday 21 January

8.00 am	Wit & Wisdom Bible Study
9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
No Holy Hour & Confessions	
6.15 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)
6.30 pm	Religious Education

Thursday 22 January

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 23 January

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 24 January

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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Financial Report

Weekend of 10/11 January

Needed	41,300
Received	46,024
Surplus	+ 4,724
Poor Box	664

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,156,400
Received	1,214,573
Surplus	+ 58,173

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@smcgyl.org.

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
Donations Received	364,863
Still to Go	635,137

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 10/11 January

5.00 pm	379
7.30 am	376
9.00 am	478
11.00 am	446
1.00 pm	453
Total	2,132

G - Gallivan Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
C - Clinkscales Family Center

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

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday 21 January.

No 7.00 am Mass on Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 January.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Jenkins Stewart, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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, 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, Angelo Bautista Campos, Karen Krings, Michael Venerdi, Joan Greenaway, Dean Zimmermann, Mel Fitzpatrick, Chris Howard, Anna Roman, Edward Stone, Valentina Hernandez, Barbara Redding, Molly Fitzpatrick, Helena Howard, Daniel McGee, Jennifer Swyer, Patrick McLeod.

Congratulations to

Sofia Grace Edwards and Crispin O'Connor LaRochelle who were baptized last weekend.

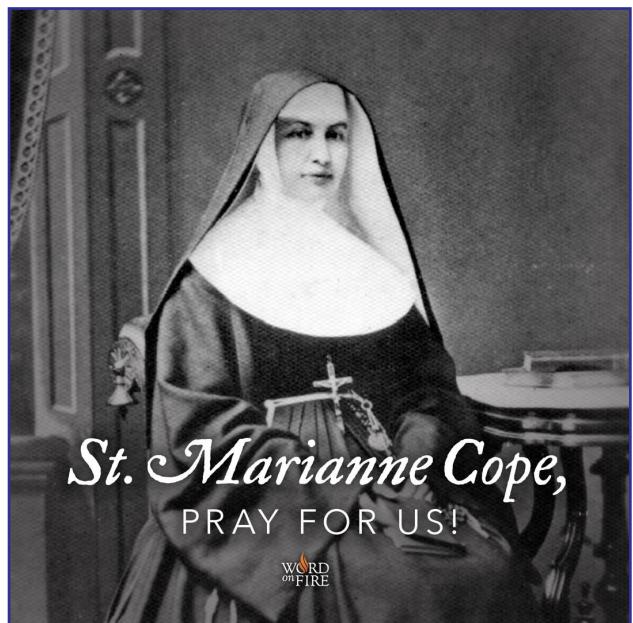
Spencer Keenan and Kara Hartman who were married last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 17/18 January

Miscellany
Support of the Parish

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



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday 19 January for the Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

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 18 January**. 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.



FEBRUARY 28, 2026 - 6:00PM

This year's event will feature a silent and live auction, gourmet food by Table 301, open bar, live music by Randomonium, and more! We invite you to review this year's Gala sponsorship opportunities and prayerfully consider providing an anchor of support. Visit <https://smcgvl.org/wp-content/uploads/St-Marys-2026-Gala-Sponsorship-Opportunities.pdf> to learn more.

Sponsorships may be paid via check payable to "St Mary's Catholic School" or online at <https://smcgala2026.givesmart.com/> (please consider covering the credit card fee). Please contact Gala Chair Sarah Ratcliff at sarah.ratcliff@smcgvl.org with questions. Thank you for supporting our school!

The St. Jerome Society
Reading excellent literature in community.

This month we will be reading and discussing...

The Brothers Karamazov
 by Fyodor Dostoevsky

January 27th, 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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2025 Tax Statements

Tax statements are automatically generated through your Flocknote account. Login to your account at <https://smcgvl.flocknote.com/login> with the email address you have registered with at St Mary's. Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4102 with questions. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus

Poster Contest

Congratulations to our Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest winners! Their posters will be sent for District Competition.

Grade 1/2: McGowan Meyer

Grade 3/4: Diane Duriez

Grade 5/6: Matthew Haase

Grade 7/8: Magdalena Movsichoff Mazzaro



Respect Life SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Week 17

At seventeen weeks, the baby is about 5" long. Fat is accumulating under the skin and fingerprints are starting to develop. Baby is even practicing breathing movements with their developing lungs.



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."





St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Next Monthly Parent Meeting is 4 February

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

NO Preschool Class this week

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

For More Information

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@smcgvl.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://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> for more information.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.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 16 March at 6.30 pm.** Contact Patrick Ford at patrick.ford@smcgvl.org to register.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@smcgvl.org.

Church Donation Information

EFT Donation

St Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options:

Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation - make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

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

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Diocese of Charleston
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

Amen

<https://vocations.charlestondiocese.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.

FEB 6-8

A Better Marriage RETREAT

ONE TO MORE INTIMACY, CONNECTION, AND JOY

USING SACRAMENTAL GRACE AND HUMAN WISDOM

A WEEKEND RETREAT WITH WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES, TALKS, ALL LODGING AND FOOD PROVIDED. KEN AND LINDA KISER GOT IT FROM LEADERS OF THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE

At Heart Ridge Retreat Center in Sunset, SC

Saturday, Feb. 28
at St. Joseph's Catholic School
in Greenville, SC

The Belonging Diocese of Charleston
Catholic Conference for Women invites you.

Love Opens
the heart to truth
Belonging '26

with Keynote Speaker
Barbara Heil, Workshops, Vendors,
Catered Box Lunch, Music, Adoration, and Mass

Thursday 2 am
Saturday 5 am* & 11 am
Sunday 4 am, 9 am & 10 am

Join us for our 5th Annual

Pink & Blue Gala

Flor Dining Venue • Feb. 7, 2026 • 6:00 pm

St. Clare's Home is a maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety and security. Please support the home by joining us for our 5th annual Pink & Blue Gala. We will have dinner provided by New Southern Way Catering, great speakers and live & silent auctions.

Scan QR code or visit PBGG2026.givesmart.com for tickets & more info.

Early Bird Tickets: \$100
Regular Ticket: \$125

Contact Colleen Chmiel for Questions
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Catholic Charities
of South Carolina

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

Diocesan NEWS

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"O Come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

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!):

Thursday 2 am

Saturday 5 am* & 11 am

Sunday 4 am, 9 am & 10 am

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.
<https://masstimes.org>

The Daughters of the Visitation Hosts:

The Path to Healing Broken Hearts

All are invited—both men and women!

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Forest City, NC

Valentine's Day Weekend
FEB 13TH 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
FEB 14TH 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

In person!


Our Speaker
Father Shawn Monahan OMV

Father Shawn Monahan was ordained a priest for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary in 2002. He has a passion for helping others heal the wounds that come from living in a broken world so that they may experience Jesus's deepest desire to live a more abundant life. This retreat offers a message of hope and healing, helping you to recognize and overcome heart-breaking events in your life and accept God's love. You'll take away an awareness of your own brokenness, devoid of any shame or discouragement. Beyond that awareness, Fr. Shawn will show you how to leverage your emotional and spiritual wounds as a path to the Lord's compassionate love, which is the source of deep penetrating healing.

Retreat Fee: \$30 in person / \$20 via Zoom
REGISTRATION ENDS JANUARY 31ST



- Light breakfast, including coffee and tea, a provided lunch on Saturday, and additional snacks and refreshments throughout the retreat
- Concluding with Mass to entrust everything received to Jesus, offering gratitude and sealing the grace of the retreat

Visit us at daughtersofthevisitation.org to learn more.

Keeping Children and Teens **SAFE ONLINE**

Computers and mobile devices can be helpful tools for children and teens to learn and grow in faith and fellowship. Unfortunately, the digital world is also full of unsafe and explicit content. You wouldn't hand a teen the car keys without first teaching them how to drive. The same should be true for using technology—teach them how to keep themselves and others safe while using it.

You can use the following tips to better protect young people from harm online:



1 Model appropriate online behavior for young people. Children look to their parents to teach and show them the ways to appropriately use technology. The biggest influence on what children see as acceptable or unacceptable is you.

2 Teach your children not to share private information or images online. Strangers posing as online friends can try to gain the trust of minors. Personal information such as name, address, and phone number should never be shared with an unknown person. Tell your children to immediately tell a trusted adult if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable.

3 Limit usage of computers and mobile devices to public spaces in the home. Not only will this help to prevent young people from accessing unsafe websites, it will also help them to develop safe browsing habits later in life.

4 Install software that can block or monitor explicit website use. Open access to harmful websites, like those that include pornography, is a constant threat to

young people. Website filters can prevent access to harmful and explicit sites and some can even alert you when such a site is accessed.

5 Review and discuss the websites your child has visited and apps they have used. Oversight of your child or teen's browsing history and app usage can help to keep them safe online. If you notice your child has browsed an unsafe website or app, discuss why that behavior is harmful. Learn about current apps that could be harmful to children and teenagers, especially those that involve image sharing, private communication, or the illusion of privacy.

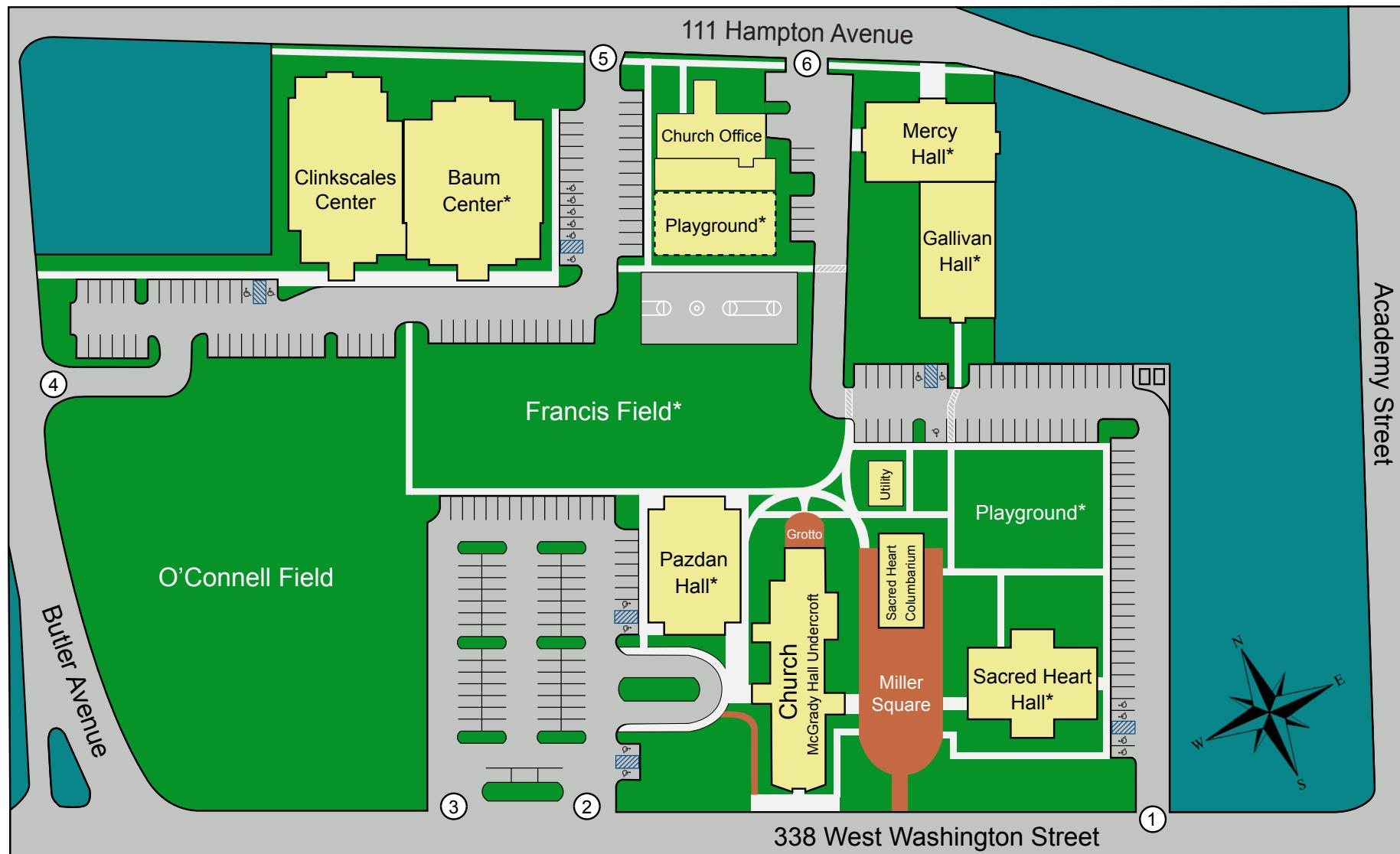
6 Report online exploitation of minors to public authorities. If you become aware of explicit content involving minors, such as solicitation, explicit images or videos, you should submit a report to law enforcement or through resources like CyberTipline from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



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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