



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

25 January 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

25 January is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, though it is not observed this year because it falls on a Sunday. This is the Church's annual celebration of the day when Saul of Tarsus met the Lord Jesus on the Damascus Road, an event that changed Saul's life and the history of the world. 25 January is also each year the final day in a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an observance that begins on 18 January, the date in the old liturgical calendar which was the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. So, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was devised to run between the twin feasts of the symbol of Peter's authority to teach and Paul's conversion to Christ, and this placement in the liturgical calendar shows us how Christian unity is to be found: through continuing conversion to the truth of the Gospel proclaimed authentically and authoritatively by the apostolic office of the Church.

In praying for Christian unity, we are asking God to restore full ecclesial communion to our separated brethren (both Orthodox and Protestant) in the one, true Church. But the restoration of that unity will be a world-historical event brought about only by the action of the Holy Spirit, and there is little that any of us can do to contribute directly to that lofty goal. There is, however, another dimension of Christian unity to which we can contribute personally, and it is both utterly simple and extremely difficult: we can each live in full communion with the Lord Jesus and his holy Church and do our best to show others how to do the same. This we do by radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

+ Do I believe and profess everything the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God? Do I believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired by God and contain no errors in matters of faith and morals? Do I believe that the Catechism of the Catholic Church is an authentic compendium of the saving doctrine of the Lord Jesus and a faithful statement of Catholic teaching in full keeping with Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition? Do I surrender my intellect and will in the obedience of faith to the Gospel transmitted in and by the Catholic Church?

+ Do I live according to the saving truth of the Gospel? Do I attend Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation? Do I confess my sins regularly in the Sacrament of Penance? Do I bear witness to Christ by my manner of life and my behavior, both personal and professional? If married, am I married in the Catholic Church, or if not, do I refrain from receiving the sacraments? Do I make decisions, especially difficult decisions, according to the mind of Christ or simply according to my own wisdom? Do I live according to the Ten Commandments and Christ's Law of Love?

Believing and behaving lead to belonging. If I want to belong to Christ and his Church fully and faithfully, then I must believe the truth of God's Word and behave according to the truth of the Gospel by grace through faith. As the Church concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity today, let us be guided by Peter's faith and Paul's conversion to be committed Catholics and true witnesses to Christ.

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 25 January

7.30 am	Mooney Grandchildren
9.00 am	* Raymond Spears
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

### Monday 26 January

7.00 am	* Joseph Sufczynski
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### Tuesday 27 January

7.00 am	Karen Sufczynski
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### Wednesday 28 January

7.00 am	* Bill Brabston
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### Thursday 29 January

7.00 am	Devin Barnett
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### Friday 30 January

7.00 am	* AnnaGrace O'Connor
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### Saturday 31 January

5.00 pm	* George E Gevaert
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## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 25 January

Nursery:	During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (G)

### Monday 26 January

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

### Tuesday 27 January

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
6.30 pm	St Jerome Society

### Wednesday 28 January

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 29 January

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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### Friday 30 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 31 January

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 17/18 January

Needed	41,300
Received	44,369
Surplus	+ 3,069

Poor Box	1,000
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,197,700
Received	1,258,942
Surplus	+ 61,242

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org).

## 2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	422,639
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Still to Go	577,361
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## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 17/18 January

5.00 pm	367
7.30 am	356
9.00 am	466
11.00 am	451
1.00 pm	421

Total	2,061
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## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Albert Michael Normandin, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends.

## Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, James Smith, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, Sloane Perkins, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, 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, Lily Elizabeth Reno.

## 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 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at [rcsulli42@gmail.com](mailto:rcsulli42@gmail.com) or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at [mmunafa1950@gmail.com](mailto:mmunafa1950@gmail.com) or 864.313.5356.

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

### Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 27 January from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at [judyh75@att.net](mailto:judyh75@att.net) or 864.438.1017 for more information.

## PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 24/25 January

Church in Latin America  
Support of the Parish

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



## Congratulations to

Cyrus Dobson Cespedes and Adam Thaddeus Cespedes who were baptized last weekend.

Branson Guest and Madelaine Tedrick who were married last weekend.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Dolly Durham, Max Feltes, Mark & Mary Bernstein, Guadalupe Valenzuela, Holly Edenfield, George & Jane Krupica, Juan Castellano & Adreina Gonzalez, Reba Coyner, Alyvia Kluska, Kyle & Leah Schmid, Jim & Merikay Pirrone, Robert & Amanda Murphy.

## 2025 Tax Statements

Tax statements are automatically generated through your Flocknote account. Login to your account at <https://smcgv1.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@smcgv1.org](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org) or 864.679.4102 with questions. Thank you.

## Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. All closings due to inclement weather will be announced through Flocknote emails/texts. If you do not receive the weekly emails/texts on Friday morning with the links to the eBulletin and Mass programs please email [jenni.dillard@smcgv1.org](mailto:jenni.dillard@smcgv1.org) to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

## Knights of Columbus

### Free Throw Championship Winners

Congratulations to our Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 Free Throw Championship winners Mia Horace, Olivia Flink, Brynn Tollefson, Benedict Kuhlman, Watson Betz, Blaise Kuhlman, Matthew Haase, and Xavier Russell. These players will have the opportunity to compete at the District Level.

## Daily Mass Readings

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



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community



st mary's catholic school  
greenville, sc

**Catholic Schools Week 2026**  
**JANUARY 25 – 31, 2026**  
[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw) • #CSW2026

## St Mary's School Job Openings



**St Mary's Catholic School  
is accepting applications  
for the following positions  
for the 2026-2027 school year.**

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 125 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 319 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

**Full-Time First Grade Teacher** - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, experienced, passionate for elementary education, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

**Computers & Technology Teacher** - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, experienced, passionate about technology and elementary education, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Computers & Technology classes meet once per week for students in grades 1 through 8. Students are exposed to proper typing technique, MacOS, Microsoft Office, Google's suite of apps, Hour of Code, and more. There is considerable flexibility for a qualified and experienced teacher to implement a wide variety of technology-based lessons and projects across all grade levels. Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

**Elementary & Early Childhood Teaching Assistants** - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.


Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at [principal@smcgv1.org](mailto:principal@smcgv1.org).





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://smcgv1.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://smcgv1.org/wp-content/uploads/St-Marys-2026-Gala-Sponsorship-Opportunities.pdf> (please consider covering the credit card fee). Please contact Gala Chair Sarah Ratcliff at [sarah.ratcliff@smcgv1.org](mailto:sarah.ratcliff@smcgv1.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](http://stjeromesociety.substack.com)

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## 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://smcgv1.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.




Respect Life

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION


Week 18

Myelin, a protective insulation, is starting to form around baby's nerves. Baby can hiccup and yawn and hear more acutely at this point in development.



**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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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@smcgv1.org](mailto:sarah.perkins@smcgv1.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@smcgv1.org](mailto:patrick.ford@smcgv1.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@smcgv1.org](mailto:thomas.whelen@smcgv1.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.



**FEB 6-8**

*A Better Marriage*  
**RETREAT**

**ONE TO MORE INTIMACY, CONNECTION, AND JOY**  
WEEKEND

USING SACRAMENTAL GRACE AND HUMAN WISDOM

A WEEKEND RETREAT WITH WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES, TALKS, ALL LODGING AND FOOD LED BY KEITH AND TAMI KISER GOTTMAN 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.

Join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
*Pink & Blue Gala*  
Flair 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.

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 Tickets: \$100  
Regular Ticket: \$125

*Find out more here!*

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

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

**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

*"Every time we look at the Blessed Sacrament our place in heaven is raised forever." ~Gertrude the Great*

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto: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 7 am\*

Wednesday 3 pm

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>

**Catholic Writers' Conference ONLINE**

**January 30-31 & February 1, 2026**

*Jesus Live Within Our Words*

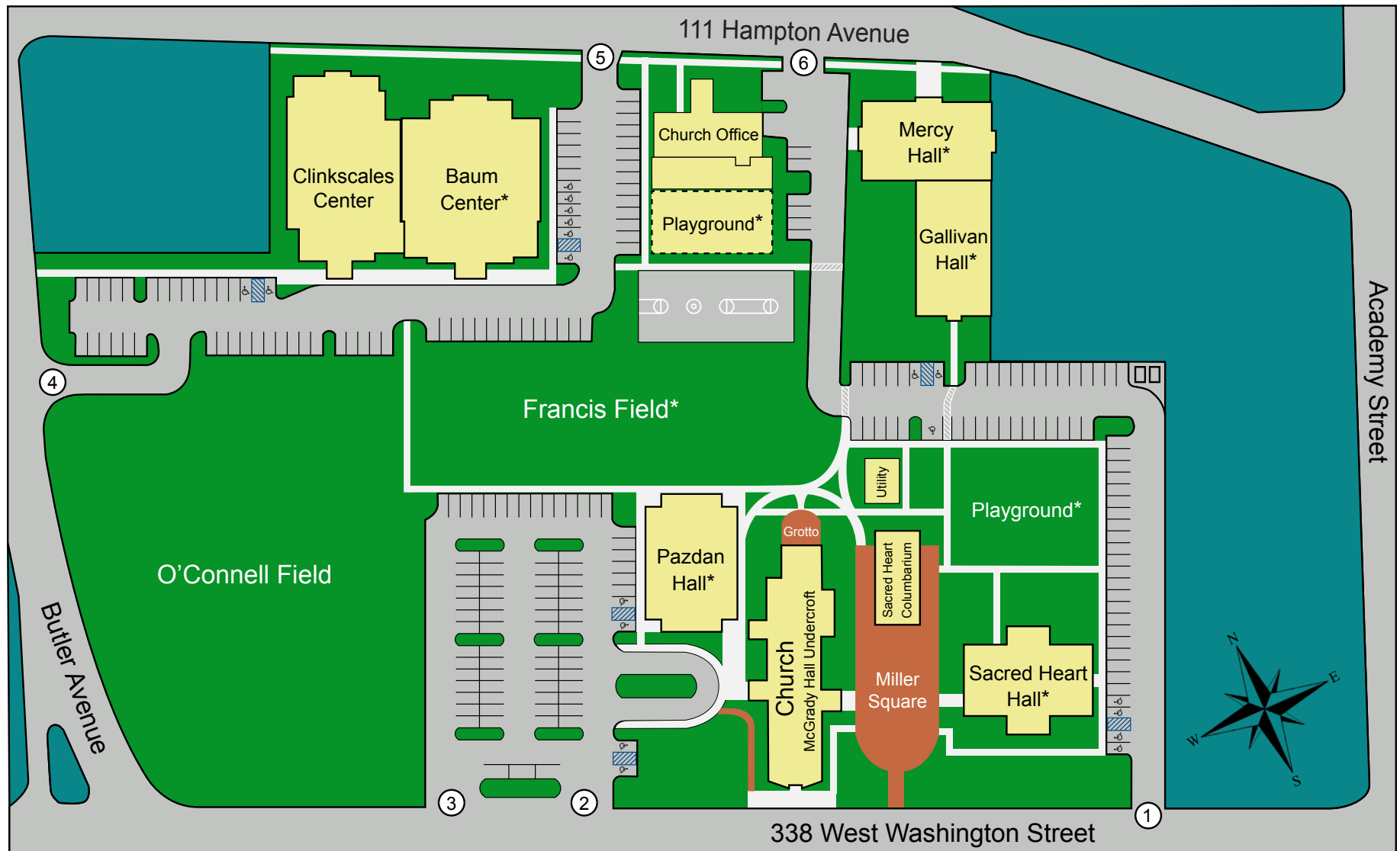
[CatholicWritersGuild.org/online-conference](https://CatholicWritersGuild.org/online-conference)



## 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.

## **The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church**

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