



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

1 February 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas was forty days ago this Monday, and that is why 2 February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a liturgical observance that began in Jerusalem in the fourth century. According to Chapter 12 of Leviticus, every Jewish woman who gave birth required a ritual purification from her flow of blood, and a sacrifice was to be offered to mark the new mother's return to the regular practice of prayer, commonly forty days after her child's birth. Saint Luke tells us in Chapter 2 of his Gospel that Joseph and Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill this precept of the Law, and there they encountered two faithful children of Israel who were always there in prayer, awaiting the arrival of the Messiah.

Simeon and Anna stand for all who will accept Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and acclaim him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." Simeon also foretells the share that Mary will have in the suffering of her Son, and so the mysteries of Christ's birth and death are joined together in the Temple - the dwelling place of God on earth and the privileged place of sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Thus is the New Covenant hidden in the Old and the Old Covenant revealed in the New. And the place where the Old Covenant is fulfilled and the New Covenant is begun is none other than the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Also on the Feast of the Presentation, candles are blessed for use at the altar because Christ is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles," and from the connection between the Presentation and the blessing of candles, this feast in the sacred liturgy is also called Candlemas. On this day we pray that the brightness of the candles we use in divine worship will awaken in our hearts love for the uncreated brilliance of Christ's perpetual light so that all people will see the unbounded light of His glory reflected in the holiness of His Church. All of these dimensions of this great feast are gathered together every time we pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary: the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Finally, in 1997 Pope Saint John Paul the Great began a yearly World Day for Consecrated Life which he attached to the Feast of the Presentation. By living the grace of their Baptism in the most radical way, Christian men and women who profess the Evangelical Counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience are imitating Simeon and Anna and following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who placed her entire life at the service of the Lord and His holy Word. We are blessed at Saint Mary's to have the splendid witness of the Nashville Dominican Sisters, who remind us of the need of all Christians to surrender our entire lives in the obedience of faith to Christ the Lord. And each Wednesday afternoon during the Holy Hour, we pray for vocations for the priesthood and the consecrated life, asking the Lord of mercies to call young men and women from this parish to give themselves without reservation or compromise to the proclamation of the Gospel.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 1 February	
7.30 am	✧ Loretta Hardisty
9.00 am	Collier Family
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass
Monday 2 February	
7.00 am	Elyse Birdsell
Tuesday 3 February	
7.00 am	✧ Kathleen Jourdain
Wednesday 4 February	
7.00 am	✧ Theodore Pelicano
Thursday 5 February	
7.00 am	Fr Renaud West
Friday 6 February	
7.00 am	Cassian Nielsen
Saturday 7 February	
5.00 pm	Matthew Jeffeaux

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 1 February	
Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (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 2 February	
1.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
6.30 pm	Fidelis
Tuesday 3 February	
Wednesday 4 February	
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 5 February	
1.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery Class
7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
Friday 6 February	
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 7 February	
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
After 5.00 pm Mass: Souper Bowl Collection	

Financial Report

Weekend of 24/25 January

Needed	41,300
Received	39,382
Shortage	- 1,918

Poor Box	288
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,239,000
Received	1,298,324
Surplus	+ 59,324

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.

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
Donations Received	423,101
Still to Go	576,899

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 24/25 January

3.00 pm	
Church	387
Clink	448
Total	835

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall C - Clinkscales
Family Center

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

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.

Souper Bowl Sunday

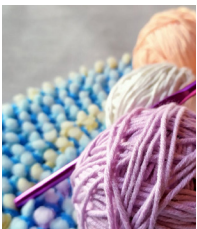


We will be collecting monetary donations to help Our Lady's Pantry after each Mass during Super Bowl weekend. Soup kettles will be placed in the vestibules of the church on 7 & 8 February.

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in 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 rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

Crochet & Knit Classes



Join the fun and learn to crochet or knit!

St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women *Learn to Crochet / Knit* class is Thursday 5 February from 1.00-3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Experienced members of the ministry will be available to share

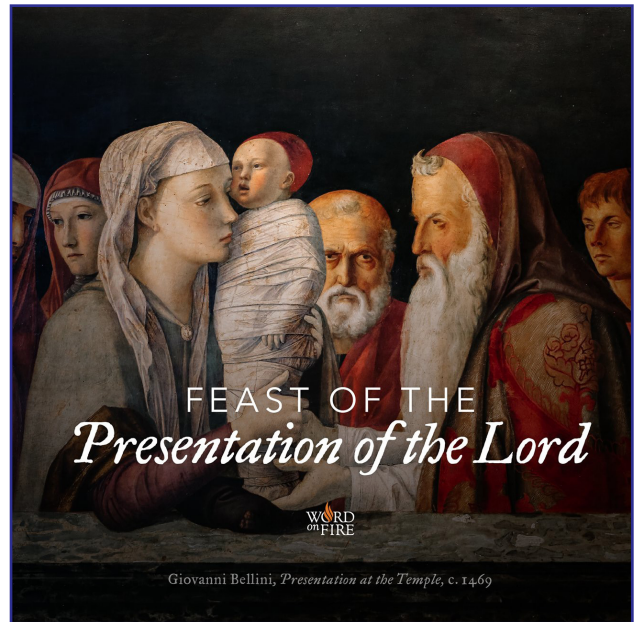
their skills with those who would like to learn. Supplies will be provided. Please contact Maggie Simons at maggie.simons54@gmail.com or 612.695.0903 with questions.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 31 January/1 February

Support of the Parish

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



Please join us for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship in Pazdan Hall dining room after the 9.00 am Mass.

Congratulations to

Eden Joan Becker who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Dasharr Berry, Riley Kiniry, Abby Mullin, Coleman & Lindsay Godfrey.

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 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 to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

Daily Mass Readings

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

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.

You're invited!

to our 5th Annual Mamma Mia!

Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, Feb. 14 Pazdan Hall
Early seating 5 - 6 pm Main Seating 6 - 7:30 pm

Purchase your tickets by Feb. 7 Dine In or Carry Out
Limited tickets available at the door

Adult \$16.00 Child \$8.00
Family 2 adults and 2 children \$45.00
Large Family 2 adults, unlimited children same family \$60.00

Click here to pay online or use the QR Code below. OR Pay with check by mail to: SMCCW, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602 ATTN: Mamma Mia! Please include email to receive confirmation. Proceeds support SMCCW's charitable giving to St. Mary's. Questions? smccwgv@gmail.com



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



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://smcgv.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://smcgv.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@smcgv.org with questions. Thank you for supporting our school!

St Anne's Stitchery Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in Sacred

Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Please contact Maggie Simons at maggie.simons54@gmail.com or 612.695.0903 with questions.

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://smcgv.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 19


The baby is about 6-7 inches long and growing rapidly. He/she can feel sensations, sense light, taste amniotic fluid and hear sounds. Fingernails and toenails are forming.



"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me..."
Mark 9:37

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.

Monthly Parent Meeting this week 4 February

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

First 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@smcgv1.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://smcgv1.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> for more information.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgv1.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.

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 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.

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 to:

Love Opens
the heart to truth
Belonging '26

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

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

Marriage Anniversary Mass

SUN | **15** | 10AM
FEB

with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CHURCH
1633 Waverly Rd
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

PLEASE REGISTER
<https://tinyurl.com/2026MarriageMass>
For more info: familylife@charlestondiocese.org

Diocesan News

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC 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 or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

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>

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
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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

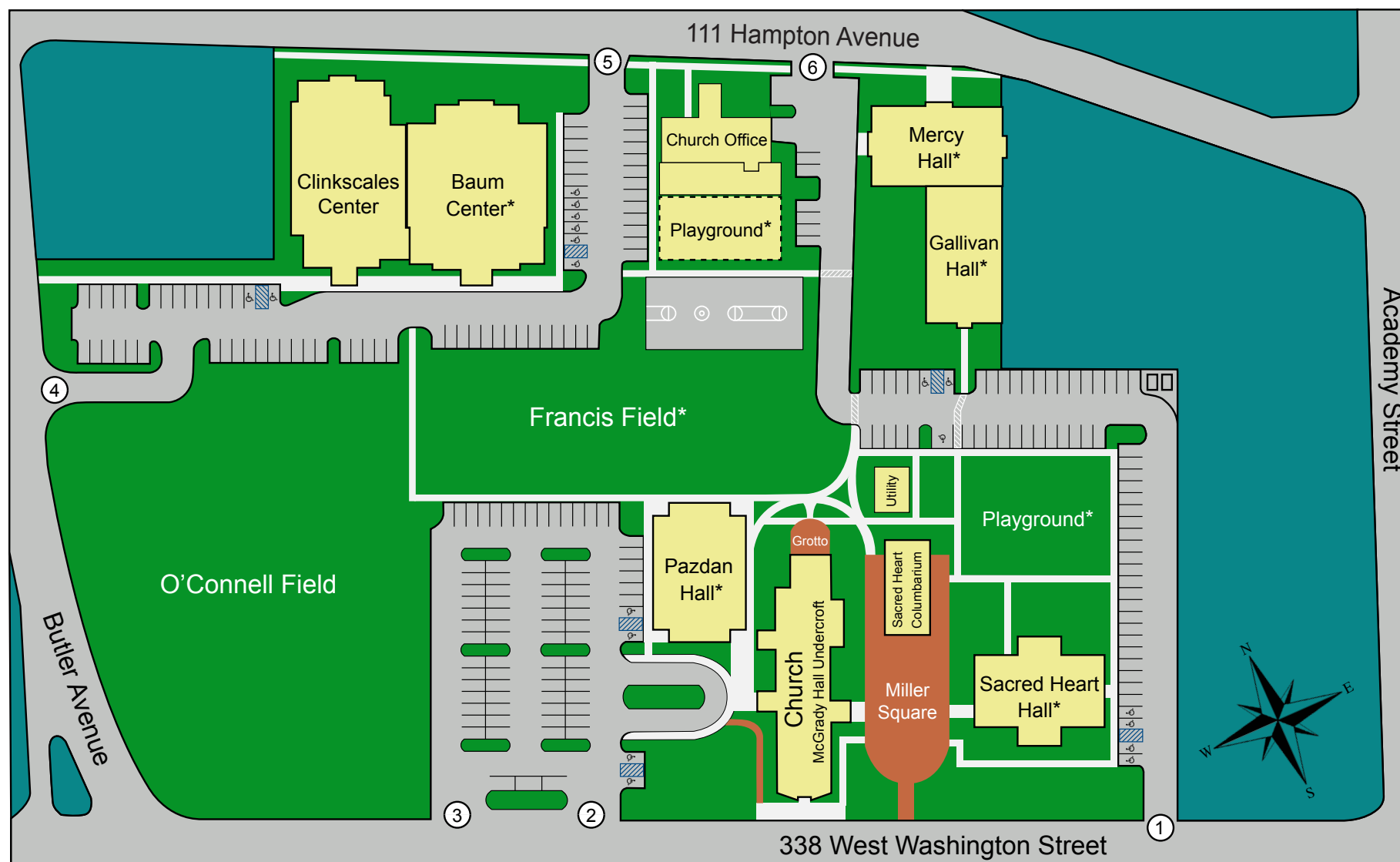
- Light breakfast, including coffee and tea, a provided lunch on Saturday, and additional snacks and refreshments throughout the retreat
- Concluding with Mass to entrust everything received to Jesus, offering gratitude and sealing the grace of the retreat

Visit us at daughtersofthevisitation.org to learn more.

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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