



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

8 February 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 18 February, and to help you keep a holy Lent, we invite you to join us for Vespers each Sunday of Lent at 5 pm. Vespers or Evening Prayer is part of the Church's official daily prayer called the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours, and at Saint Mary's Vespers consists of thirty minutes of sacred silence, plainchant, and polyphony which together make a beautiful experience of peaceful prayer.

We also invite you to come each Friday of Lent at 6 pm for the Stations of the Cross, a prayer which follows the path taken by the Lord Jesus on Good Friday from Pilate's praetorium, through the streets of Jerusalem, to Calvary, to death on the Cross, and finally to burial in the Holy Sepulchre. Following Christ in the Way of the Cross has for centuries been a privileged way of growing closer to the Lord Jesus, and we invite you to come each Friday of Lent for this devotion and then stay for a simple supper of soup and sandwiches in Pazdan Hall. And to both Vespers and the Way of the Cross, please bring a friend with you, most especially a lapsed Catholic or a non-Catholic and help them worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Lent is the perfect time to go to Confession as a preparation for Easter, and I urge you not to wait until the end of the 40 Days to do this. Confessions are heard here each Wednesday from 5 to 6 pm by two priests and each Saturday from 3.30 to 4.30 pm by one priest. Also, please remember that every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence from meat and that both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting as well as of abstinence.

Because Lent is a preparation for the renewal of our Baptismal promises at Easter, we will replace the Nicene Creed at Sunday Mass through Pentecost with the Apostles Creed which was the ancient Baptismal Profession of Faith in the Diocese of Rome. The use of this Creed should remind us that we have been purchased at a great price by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, into whose death we are plunged by our Baptism.

And that is why we should seek every day to conform our lives to Christ Jesus so that we can live in the power of His Resurrection as a new creation by grace through faith, hope, and love, the supernatural virtues first given to us in Holy Baptism. During the coming 40 Days of Lent we will seek to follow the Lord ever more perfectly through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and on Ash Wednesday we will be reminded why it is urgent to redouble our effort to live as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Repent, and believe in the Gospel!

Father Newman



ROMAN CATHOLIC
**DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON**
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Feb. 1, 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of Feb. 7-8, our diocese will take up the second collection for the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC).

CASC is a yearly initiative that brings faith to life by funding essential ministries, parishes and schools throughout our diocese. Your generosity to this statewide appeal will sustain and bolster the crucial work of our Church, which consists of schools, parishes, retired priests, campus ministries, Catholic Charities of South Carolina, seminarians, permanent deacons, missions and youth ministry programs.

As we continue in this Year of Catechesis of *Via Fidelis*, we are placing a special emphasis on the importance of learning and understanding the “why” of Catholic social teaching.

By responding to Christ’s call to continue his mission and live as faithful stewards, those who support our Catholic appeal help illuminate the path for the Church, so that we remain Jesus’ gracious hands and patient ears for all those who seek him. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Col 3:17).

In Christ’s love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 8 February

7.30 am ✕ Tom Brabston
9.00 am Sgier Family
11.00 am Pro Populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 9 February

7.00 am ✕ Carol Pelicano

Tuesday 10 February

7.00 am ✕ Joseph Sufczynski

Wednesday 11 February

7.00 am James Nietopski

Thursday 12 February

7.00 am Lucia Restrepo

Friday 13 February

7.00 am Caedmon Covington

Saturday 14 February

5.00 pm ✕ Louise Weidner

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 8 February

After All Masses: Souper Bowl Collection
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)

Monday 9 February

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

Tuesday 10 February

10.00 am SMCCW Meeting
6.30 pm KofC Meeting (M)

Wednesday 11 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 12 February

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 13 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 14 February

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
After 5.00 pm Mass: SMCCW Spaghetti Supper (P)

G - Gallivan Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
C - Clinkscates
Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 31 Jan/1 Feb

Needed	41,300
Received	37,076
Shortage	- 4,224

Poor Box	446
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,280,300
Received	1,335,400
Surplus	+ 55,100

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.

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	431,045
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Still to Go	568,955
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 31 Jan/1 Feb

11.00 am	266
1.00 pm	202

Total	468
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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 this weekend to help Our Lady's Pantry after each Mass. Soup kettles will be placed in the vestibules of the church on 7 & 8 February. Thank you for your support!

Wit & Wisdom Bible Study

The Wit & Wisdom Bible Study group meets each Wednesday morning to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday liturgy. We gather after daily Mass in McGrady Hall (church undercroft). The meeting is co-ed and hybrid (in-person and Zoom). The Zoom meeting is from 8.00-9.00 am at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85980245341?pwd=TWZocW5te mFDQlcwQ2I4RWQwREFvUT09>. Contact Bob Markway at Rmarkway@bellsouth.net.

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

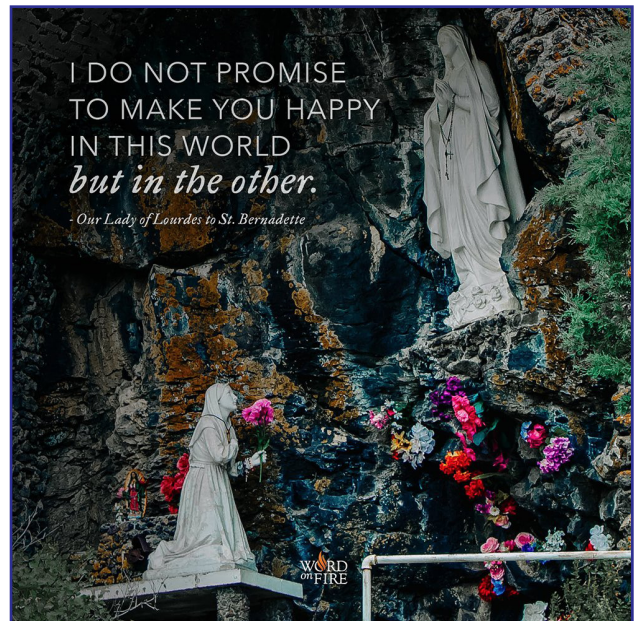
Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 7/8 February

Capital Improvement Fund
Catholic Appeal of South Carolina
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 16 February for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Congratulations to

Zachary Trusk & Makayla Simpson who were married last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Benjamin Maurer & Carsyn Osiecki, Nicholas Howe, Diana Loffredo, Candy McCollum.

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!

Fidelis at St Mary's

Fidelis forms girls heart, mind, body and soul into virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women. We meet on Mondays at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Contact Cristina Ortiz at 305.439.2172 or fidelisstmarys@gmail.com for more information. Visit <https://www.fidelissisterhood.org>.

Friday Morning Bible Study

The Friday Morning Bible Study Group meets in the Bishop England Room of Sacred Heart Hall from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon every Friday. We also pray the Rosary. Contact Pat Webb at 864.419.0467 or patwebb1010@charter.net for details.

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

February Members Meeting

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2026

10:00 AM WELCOME ♥ 10:10AM ROSARY ♥ 10:30AM MEETING

SACRED HEART HALL

Our Speaker this month is Elizabeth Duncan,
Raising a Child with Down Syndrome & The Mission of the Downs Syndrome Association of the Upstate

Our Ladies Food Pantry Donation:
Cooking Oil, Feminine Hygiene, Diapers & Baby Wipes

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT:
SMCCWGL@gmail.com

Respect Life

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Week 20

The sex of the baby can be determined via ultrasound at twenty weeks. The baby's digestive system is actively working with baby swallowing amniotic fluid.

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."



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 21-22 February

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"I hope y'all realize just how important you are to all of us. You all give us a blessing and a reason to smile on days like this. God bless you."

Our Lady's
Pantry serves
approximately
300+ families
a month!

Suggested Donations based on current needs

FOOD

CEREAL
GRITS
CANNED FRUIT
CONDIMENTS

HYGIENE

TOOTHPASTE
SHAMPOO



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.



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 March

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@smcgv.org or 864.679.4110

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. **It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings.** All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.

Classes for Easter 2026 meet at 6.15 pm on Wednesdays in McGrady Hall (church undercroft).

Visit <https://smcgv.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> for more information.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgv.org for details on becoming a Catholic.

Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage



If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often you come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- ◆ Parishioner tuition in the school
- ◆ Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as **Inactive** and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgvl.org.

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. **The next class is Monday 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.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.

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@charlestdiocese.org



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 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 11 am

Sunday 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



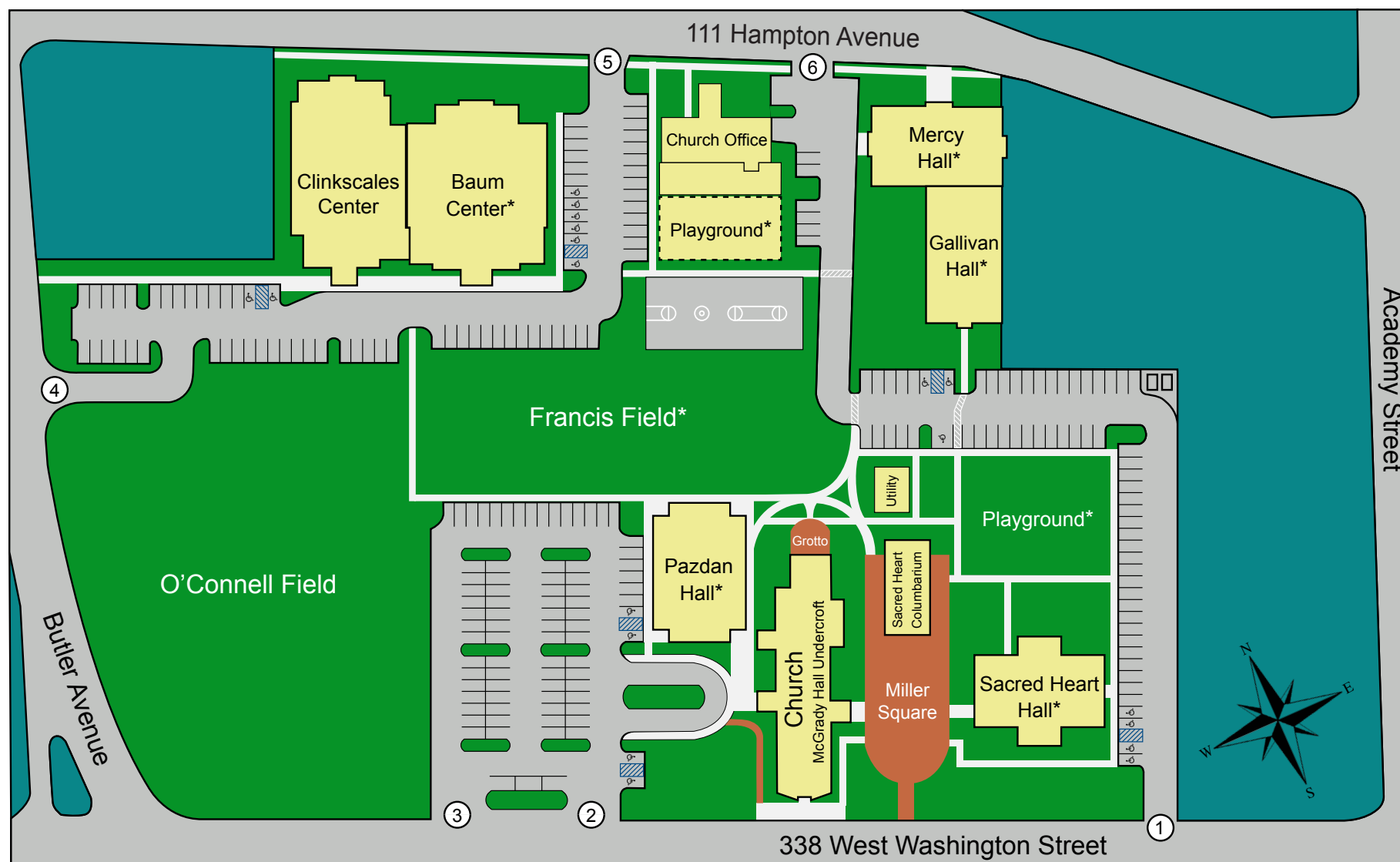
- Light breakfast, including coffee and tea, a provided
lunch on Saturday, and additional snacks and refreshments
throughout the retreat
- Concluding with Mass to entrust everything received to
Jesus, offering gratitude and sealing the grace of the retreat

Visit us at daughtersofthevisitation.org to learn more.

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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