



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

1 March 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Nicene Creed we confess that Jesus Christ is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,” and these words are an emphatic affirmation that the man who is the son of Mary is also the divine Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. But the Light which we confess Christ to be is not the created light which sprang forth at the of dawn creation when the Father commanded: Let there be light! No, Christ Jesus in his divine nature is the bearer of the uncreated Light which is the brightness of divine glory, and in the Christian East that is often called Tabor Light as a reference to the holy mystery of Christ’s Transfiguration on Mount Tabor.

The Transfiguration is described by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and every year the Gospel appointed for the Second Sunday of Lent is an account of that event. The Lord Jesus takes the inner circle of the Twelve with him up a high mountain - identified by tradition as Mount Tabor - to prepare them for the tribulation to come, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the significance of the event: “From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master ‘began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed and on the third day be raised.’ Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus’ Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus’ face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking ‘of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.’ A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’” (CCC 554)

“For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter’s confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order ‘to enter into his glory.’ Moses and Elijah had seen God’s glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah’s sufferings. Christ’s Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God’s servant, the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit ... The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he “will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body. But is also recalls that ‘it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.’” (CCC 555-556)

Standing in the transfigured glory of the Lord Jesus, Peter was filled with both fear and awe. He could scarcely look at the brightness of Christ’s glory, and yet he could not imagine leaving that sacred place. The brightness of the cloud at Tabor and at Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan is the same brightness that blinded Saul on the Damascus Road, that burst forth in the bush which burned before Moses without being consumed, and that filled the Meeting Tent and the Temple as a sign of God’s presence among his people. At this Mass we rejoice to be in the presence of the Light from Light, even as we prepare to go down from the mountain of the sacred liturgy and give witness to Christ by joining him in the Way of the Cross.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 1 March

7.30 am Annabelle Wilczewski
 9.00 am ✱ Johnny O'Connor
 11.00 am Pro Populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 2 March

7.00 am Jack Gevaert

Tuesday 3 March

7.00 am ✱ Jim Jourdain

Wednesday 4 March

7.00 am Frank & Will Fisher

Thursday 5 March

7.00 am Lucia Nielsen

Friday 6 March

7.00 am James Nietopski

Saturday 7 March

5.00 pm ✱ Charlie Kirk

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 1 March

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 (M)
 5.00 pm Lenten Vespers (church)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 2 March

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery
 6.30 pm Fraternalus (P)
 6.30 pm Fidelis

Tuesday 3 March

Wednesday 4 March

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 March

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 6 March

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
 6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)
 followed by Lenten Supper (P)
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 7 March

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
 C - Clinkscapes
 Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 21/22 February

Needed 41,300
 Received 46,373
 Surplus + 5,073

Poor Box 1,048

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,404,200
 Received 1,475,898
 Surplus + 71,698

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal 1,000,000

Donations Received 485,056

Still to Go 514,944

Mass Attendance

Ash Wednesday

7.00 am 412
 12.00 pm 419
 7.00 pm 521
 Spanish 263
 Total 1,615

Weekend of 21/22 February

5.00 pm 347
 7.30 am 375
 9.00 am 438
 11.00 am 379
 1.00 pm 414
 Total 1,953

Lenten Devotions

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6.00 pm in the church
followed by Lenten Supper in Pazdan Hall

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent at 5.00 pm in the church

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Henry Robinson, 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 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 resulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 28 February/1 March

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.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Carlos Lopez, Estefani Bonilla, Nick Koval, Doogie & Madison Macmillan.

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.

Full-Time Spanish Teacher - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, fluent in Spanish, and experienced in elementary education. Candidates must be able to work well with children of all ages, successfully manage large classes, provide the necessary rigor in high school-credit courses, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help students thrive.

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.



St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Scholarship

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women established this scholarship award in 1998 to support young Catholic women of our parish in their post high school academic endeavors including university, community college or technical school.

BASIC INFORMATION

\$2,000 AWARD

Recipient receives a one time award to be used towards tuition, books, etc.

ELIGIBILITY

Female graduating senior in 2026 and member of St. Mary's parish with plans to continue her education.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 15, 2026

APPLICATION LINK

[Scholarship Application](#)

Questions?

smccwgv1@gmail.com

APPLY TODAY

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically** or **mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant** or **nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.

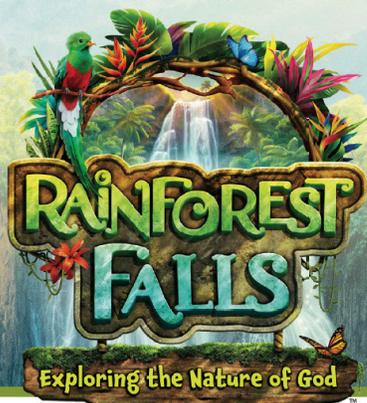


Tree-mendous adventure awaits!

**Vacation Bible School
is 15-19 June 2026**

**CLICK HERE to REGISTER
beginning 1 March for
Participants & Volunteers**

**Contact Linda Jackson with questions
linda.jackson@smcgv1.org 864.679.4110**



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.

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.



Respect Life

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Week 23

Fat deposits are starting to form under the skin, which is being thickened by keratin. Baby can also hear loud sounds. Their heartbeat can be heard with a stethoscope.



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."



The St. Jerome Society

Reading excellent literature in community.

This month we will be reading and discussing...

The Hunchback of Notre-Dame by Victor Hugo

March 31st, 2026 | 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
stjromesociety.substack.com

Lenten Vespers

at St Mary's

Sundays at 5 pm
in the church

22 February

First Sunday of Lent

1 March

Second Sunday of Lent

8 March

Third Sunday of Lent

15 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

22 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

29 March

Palm Sunday

*Thirty minutes of peaceful prayer and sacred silence.
Sung by the Schola Cantorum. Join us and bring a friend.*

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



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 March

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

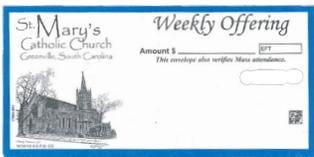
What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. **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.

Arise
Mother/Tween-Daughter Retreat

A CHANCE TO HANG OUT,
TALK ABOUT
SOME IMPORTANT
GIRL MATTERS,
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY:
HAVE FUN!

Friday-Saturday
March 6-7, 2026

HEART & RIDGE
Retreat and Cultural Center

40 Days for Life

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. 40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. You are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign from 17 February through 28 March. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> to sign up for local events. Please contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Deacon Connor at 828.860.5622 with questions.

Leading & Loving Parenting Workshop



Family Honor is offering a free two-part *Leading and Loving - Parenting Skills Workshop for Parent of Young Ones* by Daniel West at Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church on 13-14 March. Parents are given the incredible task of being the primary educators of their children in the family, the foremost school of learning how to be a gift to others. Family Honor's Leading and Loving program assists them in deepening their knowledge of this important task, discerning how to implement it in their families, and enjoy fellowship with other couples with the same mission. Learn more and register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leading-loving-a-parenting-skills-workshop-for-parents-of-young-ones-tickets-1980192721736>.

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!):

- Monday 12 am,* 6 am & 1 pm
- Wednesday 3 pm
- Saturday 11 am
- Sunday 9 am & 10 am

Pursue a lasting love...
MARRIAGE
Create hope for the future!

March 2026

NFP INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS

<p>March 2 (Mon) 6:00PM Creighton St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Simpsonville, SC RSVP to advocateern.killough@gmail.com</p>	<p>March 12 (Thu) 6:00PM Creighton Our Lady of the Lake Church, Chapin, SC RSVP to courtney.nfpegmail.com</p>
<p>March 5 (Thu) 7:00PM Creighton Virtual - lexiesawonik@gmail.com</p>	<p>March 12 (Thu) 6:30PM Creighton St. Francis Eastside, Greenville, SC RSVP to NoProNurse@aol.com</p>
<p>March 5 (Thu) 8:00PM SymptoPro Virtual - emmanma.com/intro</p>	<p>March 16 (Thu) 6:00PM Creighton St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Simpsonville, SC RSVP to advocateern.killough@gmail.com</p>
<p>March 7 (Sat) 10:15AM Creighton Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Greenville, SC RSVP to scnapronfpegmail.com</p>	<p>March 18 (Wed) 6:30PM Creighton Virtual - janelenapro@gmail.com</p>
<p>March 9 (Mon) 6:00PM Creighton Virtual - monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com</p>	<p>March 18 (Wed) 6:00PM Creighton St. Joseph Catholic Church, Columbia, SC RSVP to napragale@gmail.com</p>

Marquette Method
Natural Family Planning International
Couple to Couple League
Billings Ovulation Method (Spanish)

Available upon request
Contact jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org for inquiry.

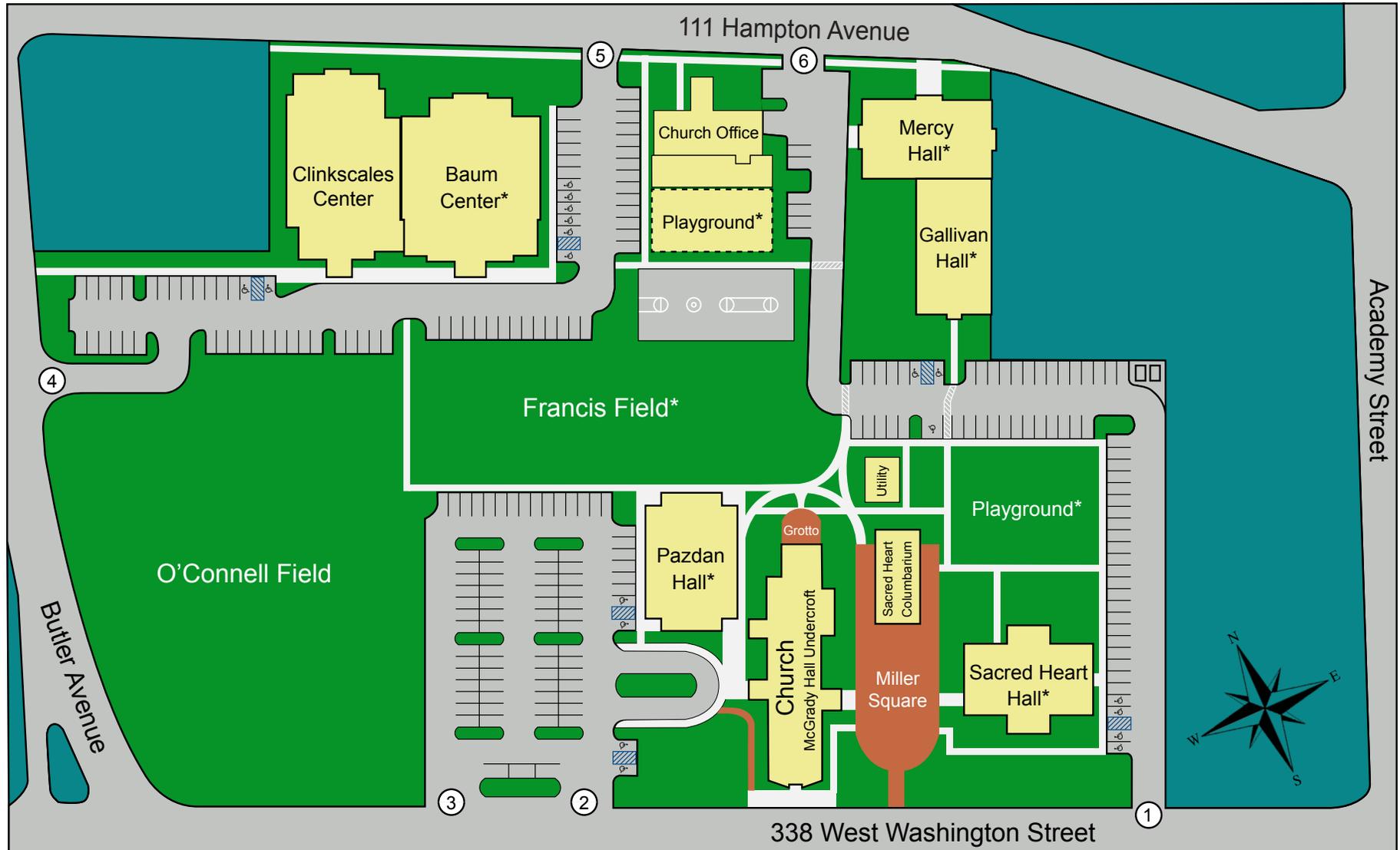


Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestondiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

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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