



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

19 April 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

During Eastertide the Church directs our attention to the central place of Holy Baptism in Christian faith and life, and each year on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, all the baptized are asked to renew the promises of their Baptism. So this is the perfect time for us to consider a crucial question in the Church's life: who is eligible to be baptized?

Before answering that question, we must take notice of the fact that for many centuries, the vast majority of people who have been baptized were brought to the font as infants, but this statistical fact should not distract us from the theological truth that the meaning of the Baptism of children is fully revealed only in light of the Baptism of adults who come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus and then ask to be baptized. All seven of the sacred mysteries of the New Covenant are sacraments of faith, and the request of an adult to be baptized presupposes the gift of faith received as a prevenient grace leading to the second birth by water and the Holy Spirit through which one enters the Church as by a door. And no one would ask for Baptism who was not prepared to live the Christian faith by, at a bare minimum, coming to Mass each Sunday to be nourished by the Word of God and the Most Holy Eucharist.

In fact, in a certain sense we can say that we are baptized precisely so that we may attend Mass and receive the Body and Blood of the Savior, so those who do not intend to make Sunday Mass the center of their lives have no reason to ask for Baptism. But now we return to the statistical norm of infant Baptism and are immediately confronted with the strange custom of people who were baptized as children, have grown up to have their own children, and now ask to have their children baptized despite the fact that they seldom, if ever, come to Mass. And the same holds true for adults who are not coming to Mass but still ask for permission to serve as godparents or sponsors for the Baptism of a child.

So, who can be baptized? Those adults are eligible for Baptism who are prepared to make their own profession of faith and accept the most serious duty to practice the Catholic faith in every way, including attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation. And those children are eligible for Baptism whose parents meet the same criteria as adults asking for Baptism. If the parents of a child are not practicing the faith by - at a bare minimum - attending Sunday Mass, then there is no founded hope that the child will be instructed in the Gospel and taught to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, and in that case, the Church cannot consent to baptize the child in question. This is not intended in any way as a punishment for the child or still less for the anguished grandparents who are practicing the faith and want their now grown children to do the same for the sake of the grandchildren, but it is an acknowledgment that the sacraments are not magic. For Holy Baptism to be a true sacrament of faith, there must be in those who request it - whether for themselves or for their children - a genuine intention to follow the Lord Jesus in every way, beginning and ending with the Sunday celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 19 April

7.30 am ✱ Thomas William Brabston Sr
 9.00 am ✱ William Eidson Sr
 11.00 am Pro Populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 20 April

7.00 am ✱ Erciso & Eugenia Massa

Tuesday 21 April

7.00 am ✱ Pope Francis

Wednesday 22 April

7.00 am Manuel Gomes

Thursday 23 April

7.00 am ✱ Thomas & Joanne Heath

Friday 24 April

7.00 am ✱ James Wallace

Saturday 25 April

5.00 pm Matthew & Theresa Gevaert

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 19 April

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 am Masses (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 20 April

6.30 pm Fraternalus (P)
 6.30 pm Fidelis

Tuesday 21 April

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 22 April

8.00 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study
 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
 6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 23 April

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 24 April

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 25 April

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 11/12 April

Needed	41,300
Received	43,105
Surplus	+ 1,805

Poor Box	2,167
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,693,300
Received	1,791,120
Surplus	+ 97,820

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
Donations Received	634,032
Still to Go	365,968

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 11/12 April

5.00 pm	312
7.30 am	357
9.00 am	514
11.00 am	415
1.00 pm	444

Total	2,042
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G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady 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, Stephen Moulton.

First Communion

This coming weekend the children will make their First Communion. Please keep our Communicants in your prayers this week as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast!

This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 19 April**. For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes. Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

Friday Morning Bible Study

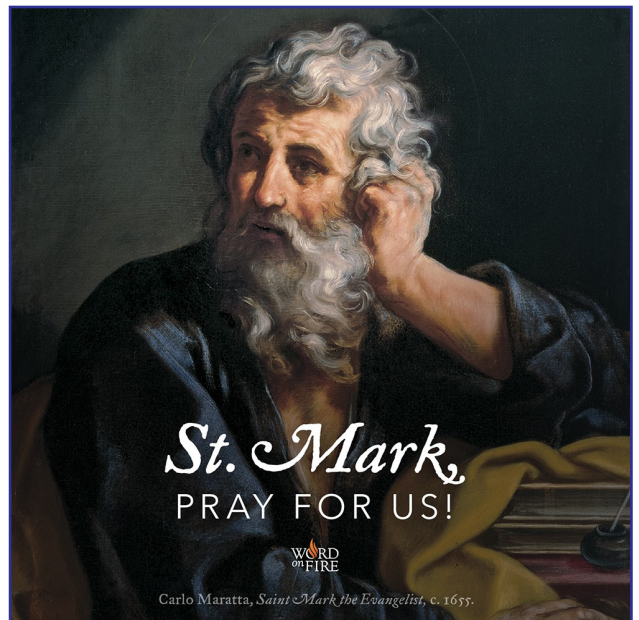
The Friday Morning Bible Study group has begun a new study of the Book of Numbers. We meet in the Bishop England Room of Sacred Heart Hall from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon on Fridays. We also pray the Rosary. Contact Pat Webb at 864.419.0467 or patwebb1010@charter.net to join and for more details.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 18/19 April

Support of the Parish

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



St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 21 and 28 April from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at judyh75@att.net or 864.438.1017 for more information.

Congratulations to

Hodges Wallace Dozier, Anne Redding Dozier, and Lucy Louise Roberts who were baptized last weekend.

Joseph Kidwell and Amy Sainsbury who were married last weekend.

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 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@smcgvl.org.



Respect Life SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Week 30

At thirty weeks, the baby can focus on objects and detect the difference between dark and light. Baby's brain is starting to take shape. The fat cells under the skin are starting to help regulate temperature



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."



She is Clothed in Strength & Dignity - Proverbs 31:25

All women & young ladies are
invited to join us for our

Mother-Daughter Tea

on Saturday 9 May from 2-4 pm
in the Clinkscales Family Center

Hosted by St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

We will begin our day with a May Crowning, enjoy an afternoon of tea, refreshments & fellowship, & be inspired by **Guest Speaker - Sister Emma, OP**

Wear your hats, bonnets, gloves & Sunday Best
We will be collecting diapers & baby wipes
for St Clare's Home & Birthright

Suggested for ages 7 & up
Adult \$15, Child (12 and under) \$5,
Family (Grandmother, Mother, Daughters, etc) \$40

Contact Lori Grant at 864.844.4049 or
smccwgv@gmail.com with questions



**CLICK
HERE
TO RSVP
BY 2 MAY!**



Saint Mary's Classic

The Preserve at Verdae Golf Club

GOLF

You Are Invited!

Please join us to support St Mary's School
at our annual fundraiser Golf Tournament,
which is open to all parishioners.

Sign up at <https://SMGolf2026.givesmart.com>

Enjoy an outing of golf with friends on Friday 29 May!



Vespers

at St Mary's

Sundays at 5 pm
in the church

17 May

The Ascension of the Lord

24 May

Pentecost

31 May

Most Holy Trinity

7 June

Corpus Christi



*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

1st Communion practice 23 April 4:30

1st Communion 25 April



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Easter 2026 Class! Registration for Easter 2027 will open in July on the parish website at <https://smcgv.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/>

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 Tuesday 16 June 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.whalen@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.

Icon Painting Workshop
St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting

June 8-13, 2026
St. Rafka Catholic Church
Greer, South Carolina



Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This "Virgin Mary icon" will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great opportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon.

Your tuition fee of \$850 includes all materials including boards, brushes, pigments etc.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For enrollment and more information, visit the website theodoreicons.com/sc

or contact the instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos at: theodoreicons@gmail.com

Diocesan News

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ~Luke 24:29

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 1 am*

Tuesday 11 am & 5 pm

Wednesday 7 am* & 6 pm

Saturday 11 am

Sunday 9 am* & 10 am

Job Opening

St Clare's Home Weekend Resident Care Associate
The Weekend Resident Care Associate ensures the safety, well-being, and oversight of residents and their children during weekend shifts at St Clare's Home. This position maintains a supportive, safe, and faith-based environment consistent with the organization's mission and Catholic values, while overseeing daily household operations and client compliance with program expectations. Send resumes to Valerie Baronkin at vbaronkin@charlestdiocese.org or contact 864.275.5505.

AVAILABLE WEEKS: June 28- July 3
July 12 - July 17
July 19 - July 24

THE BEST (AND EASIEST ON MOM) VACATION

for Catholic families

ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

APR 27! Mon! 7:15PM (EST)

MARRIAGE CATECHUMENATE WEBINAR

a continual path of evangelization

"Do you know what is the Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life that His Holiness, Pope St. John Paul II have entrusted to pastors, spouses and all those who provide pastoral care for families?"

Let's learn the basics of the catechumenal pathways for married life and know the available resources we have in the Diocese of Charleston from Kathy, the Senior Director of Family Life.

SPEAKER
KATHY SCHMUGGE

REGISTER in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/MarCathApr27>
For more info, contact fflorendo@charlestdiocese.org



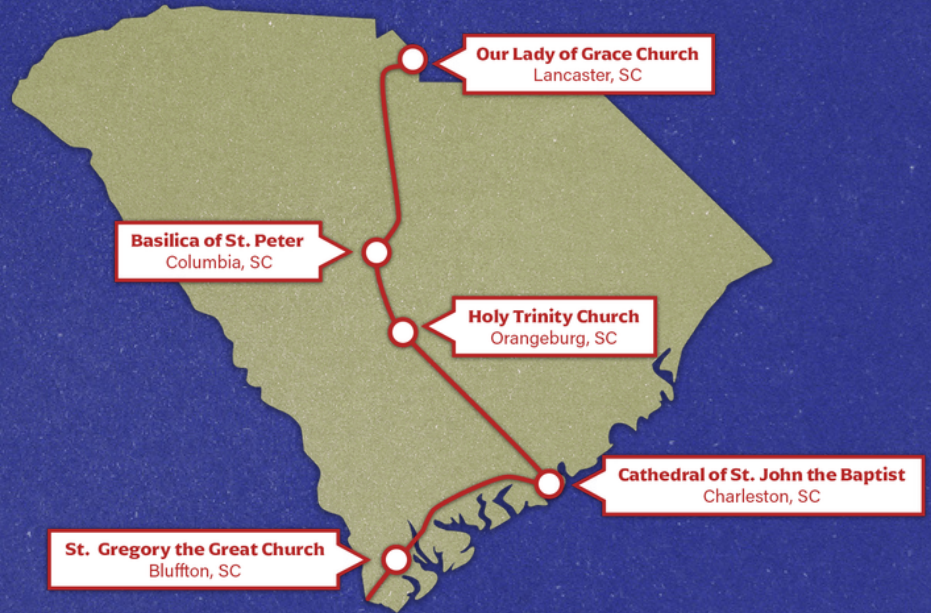
Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestdiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route

MAY 28-30



WHY

In honor of America's 250th year, the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will carry the theme *One Nation Under God*. It is an invitation to realign our lives, communities and country under the sovereignty of Christ. It is a call to build unity through prayer, and to let Jesus, present in the **Most Holy Eucharist**, renew and heal the heart of our country, one soul at a time. This initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops invites us all to join, in person or in spirit, to offer prayers and sacrifices for the renewal of America.

WHAT

The pilgrimage begins over Memorial Day weekend in St. Augustine, Florida, where the first Mass in our country was celebrated. The route will continue up the Eastern Seaboard through most of the 13 original colonies, reaching as far north as New Hampshire and Maine. Stops will be made in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, our country's very first Catholic diocese, as well as the Archdiocese of Boston to visit significant national historical sites. The pilgrimage concludes over the 4th of July weekend in Philadelphia, in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

WHEN

Five parishes along the route in South Carolina will host the 9 national pilgrims, their accompanying priest, and the Holy Eucharist. The National Pilgrimage group will be "handed off" from the Diocese of Savannah to the Diocese of Charleston on May 28, and our part of the journey begins! Visit charlestdiocese.org/eucharist2026.

BLUFFTON: St. Gregory the Great | May 28
CHARLESTON: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist | May 28-29
ORANGEBURG: Holy Trinity | May 29
COLUMBIA: Basilica of St. Peter | May 29
LANCASTER: Our Lady of Grace | May 30



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**



A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or orders, of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, priests, and deacons.

Deacons are ordained for a ministry of service, which they carry out under the authority of the Bishop. All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Altar, and Charity.



**PERMANENT
DIACONATE**

ARE YOU CALLED?



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON

Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served."

THE DIACONATE IS A VOCATION OF LIFE-LONG SERVICE OF WORD, LITURGY AND CHARITY. THE DEACON IS TO EXTEND THE SACRAMENTAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST'S SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH AND INTO THE SECULAR WORLD.

THE WORD

Proclaim the Gospel and Preach • Teach the Catholic Faith • Evangelize Believers and Unbelievers

THE ALTAR

Assist Bishops and Priests at the Liturgy • Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion • Administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, Preside at Wake Services and Rites of Burial • Preside at Devotional Services

CHARITY

Perform Charitable, Administrative, and Social Welfare Duties • Visit the Sick, Feed the Hungry • Minister to the Imprisoned • Minister to the Bereaved



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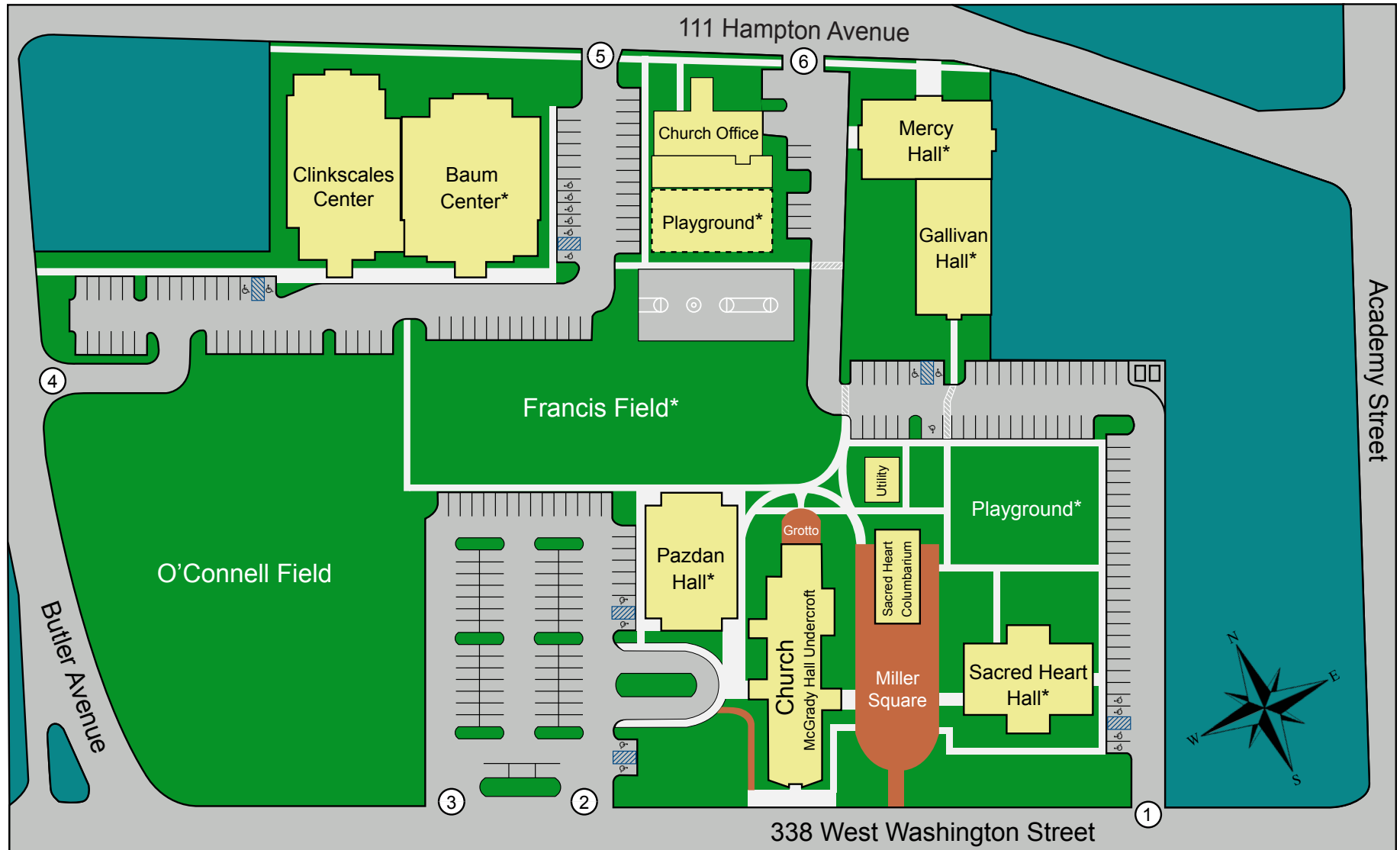
- New classes form every two years
- Discernment and formation lasts 5 ½ years
- Catholic men must be aged 35-60 at time of application to be eligible to apply
- Scan the QR code for more requirements and information.

For information on exploring a vocation as a deacon in the Diocese of Charleston: charlestdiocese.org/diaconate. Email Deacon Brian Justice, Director of Formation: bjustice@charlestdiocese.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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