



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

24 May 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Jewish feast of Passover commemorates the deliverance of the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, and from that day of liberation, Moses led the people to the holy mountain where he had seen the living God in the bush which burned without being consumed. There on Mount Horeb Moses received the Ten Commandments from the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and although Scripture does not specify the time between Passover and the giving of the Law, an ancient tradition holds that it was fifty days. Then in Leviticus 23.15-16, the Lord commands the children of Israel to offer a sacrifice of spring wheat exactly seven full weeks from the second day of Passover, meaning the fiftieth day from the feast of Passover. So, the Feast of First Fruits, also called the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot in Hebrew), was kept fifty days after Passover and was a time of great thanksgiving to God for the blessings of freedom and prosperity and for the Law which safeguarded those blessings. This festival was also called Pentecost from the Greek words meaning the fiftieth day.

Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles opens with a mention of the arrival of the day of Pentecost, and this refers, of course, to the Jewish festival celebrated fifty days after Passover. Because of the feast, Jerusalem was filled with Jews visiting from all over the Mediterranean world, and it was to this multitude that Saint Peter preached the Gospel, leading to the conversion of 3,000 people to saving faith in Jesus Christ. The power of Peter's preaching came not from him but from God the Holy Spirit who was poured out upon the Church on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, thus making Pentecost a festival for both Jews and Christians. To this day, observant Jews celebrate Shavuot in gratitude for the gift of Torah, and Christians celebrate Pentecost in thanksgiving for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the new life of grace which comes by saving faith in Jesus Christ, our Passover and our Peace. In this concurrence of feasts we see fulfilled the teaching of Saint Paul (Colossians 2.16-17) that the feasts of the Old Covenant are shadows of the good things which come to us in Jesus Christ, to whom all the types and figures of Israel point.

The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church in Jerusalem led to the miracle of one voice being heard in many languages, an event which is both a symbolic reversal of the scattering of the human race as a result of the pride which built the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11.1-9) and a pledge of the Church's mission to gather all nations into the unity of those who worship the one, only, living and true God by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, repenting of sin, being baptized, and living as a new creation in Christ's body, the Church. The events of Pentecost fulfilled the promise of the Lord Jesus to his Apostles: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1.8), and so Pentecost also began the tireless effort of the Church to fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples of all nations. Two millennia later, our contribution to that work of grace is to live as Evangelical Catholics who share the Gospel with others and lead them to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 24 May

7.30 am † Michael Mahoney
 9.00 am Julia Lesley
 11.00 am Pro Populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 25 May

Memorial Day - No Mass/Church Closed

Tuesday 26 May

7.00 am † John Foran

Wednesday 27 May

7.00 am Lucia LaPenna

Thursday 28 May

7.00 am † Paul J Lawson

Friday 29 May

7.00 am Matthew Gaetano
& Family

Saturday 30 May

5.00 pm Jim Jeffeaux

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 24 May

5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group

Monday 25 May

Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 26 May

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group
 6.30 pm St Jerome Society

Wednesday 27 May

8.00 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)

Thursday 28 May

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 29 May

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 30 May

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
 7.30 pm Young Adults Dance (C)

G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
 C - Clinkscles
 Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 16/17 May

Needed	41,300
Received	44,956
Surplus	+ 3,656

Poor Box 737

Offeritory Year to Date

Needed	1,899,800
Received	2,019,344
Surplus	+ 119,544

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@smcgv.org.

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
Donations Received	664,668
Still to Go	335,332

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 16/17 May

5.00 pm	364
7.30 am	372
9.00 am	519
11.00 am	366
1.00 pm	408

Total	2,029
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Liturgical Schedule Change

No 7.00 am Mass on Monday 25 May
and the church will be closed all day

Parish Office Closure

In observance of Memorial Day on Monday 25 May, the church office will be closed all day.

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, Dee Dillon.

Nursery Closure

Our nursery will be closed on 24 May for Memorial Day Weekend. Summer break is 5 July through 2 August. Nursery reopens on 9 August. Please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgv1.org with any questions.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

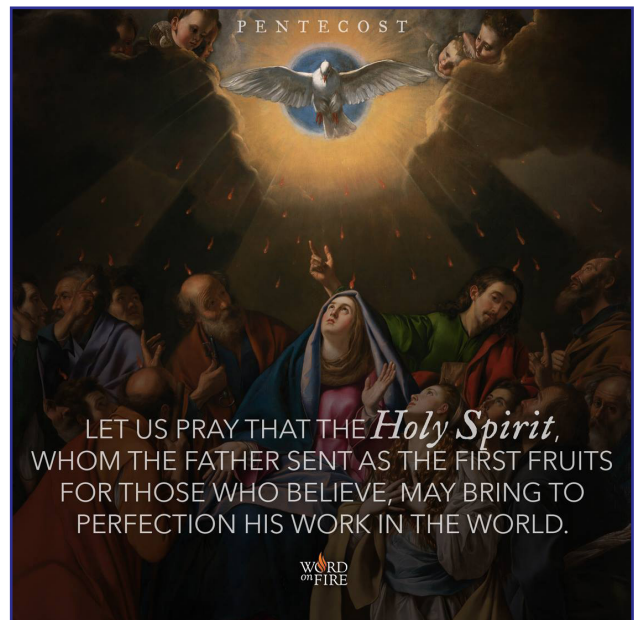
The group will meet Tuesday 26 May from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at judyh75@att.net or 864.438.1017 for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 23/24 May

Support of the Parish

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



Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Vernon & Denise Hyman, Kara Miller, Victor Gonzalez, Perrin Habecker & Sophia Malpocker, Pedro Elguera & Eloisa Villamizar.

Congratulations to

Benedict Patrick Foley, Benjamin Tripp Gordon, and Richard Alan Lutter III who were baptized last weekend.

Alexander Brook and Jillian Young who were married last weekend.



Respect Life

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Week 35

At thirty five weeks, the baby is positioned for birth. The brain is developing at a dizzying rate, using reflexes and refining movements.



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."



3rd Annual Feast of Corpus Christi EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION & PARISH PICNIC

Come rejoice with us for the gift of Christ in the Holy Eucharist through a Eucharistic Procession around the campus of St Mary's and then stay for a fun picnic with our parish community.



Enjoy grilled hot dogs, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, and drinks all provided by the parish. Bring a side dish (A-L) or a dessert (M-Z) to share in disposable containers.

Saturday 6 June
following 5.00 pm
Holy Mass

Our Parish Picnic will be held immediately after the procession.

The food will be served in the Baum Center and dining tables will be set up in the Clink. Bring your own chairs and blankets if you would like to eat outside. There will be fun games, face painting, and music. Text Nancy Carrano at 512.466.7989 with questions.

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER!**

What Is A EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION?



A Eucharistic procession is a holy parade that brings Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, into the world that he loves. The Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and carried out of the church by a priest. A Eucharistic procession sometimes begins at one church and ends at another and is connected to the celebration of the Mass or a time of Adoration. The procession can be a short walk around the neighborhood of a church or can stretch for miles and miles from start to finish. Along the way, Jesus is accompanied by priests, deacons, altar servers, and people of all ages. Together they can pray the rosary, sing hymns, or walk in silent prayer. Processions are often planned for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi but can take place any time of the year.

The altar servers or other members of the Eucharistic procession might carry a canopy, processional cross, candles, a thurible, or bells. One type of processional canopy, a baldacchino, is held over the monstrance by four servers holding a pole for each corner. This creates a sacred space that is set aside for the Eucharist during the movement of the procession. The processional cross is a large crucifix attached to a long handle that can be lifted high for all to see. The candles remind us of Jesus, the Light of the World, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. The thurible is filled with burning incense, which releases sweet-smelling smoke that rises to the sky, symbolizing our prayers rising to heaven. The bells incorporate another of our five senses, announcing that Jesus is here with us. A Eucharistic procession is a wonderful opportunity to worship our Lord and pray together as a community as we witness our faith publicly to the world. *Excerpt from* <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>

Saint Mary's Classic

The Preserve at Verdae Golf Club

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

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://SMSGolf2026.givesmart.com>



The St. Jerome Society

Reading excellent literature in community.

This month we will be reading and discussing...

Silence
by Shusaku Endo

May 26th, 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 stjeresociety.substack.com

St. Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC

Vespers

at St Mary's

Sundays at 5 pm
in the church

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

Registration for 2026-27 will open soon



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm
September - April

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes meet on Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass
September - April

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Easter 2026 Class! Registration for Easter 2027 will open in July on the parish website at <https://smcgv1.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.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.

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

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



THE BEST
 (AND EASIEST ON MOM)
VACATION

in the
 Carolina
 Mountains



for Catholic families



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

FORMATION

- New classes form every two years
- Discernment and formation lasts 5 1/2 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

Diocesan News

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament." ~Jesus speaking to St Margaret Mary Alacoque

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*
- Thursday 11 am*
- Saturday 11 am* & 7 pm
- Sunday 10 am

Walking With Moms In Need



Our Lady of the Rosary's Walking with Moms in Need program is growing! We assist expectant moms in need of resources in Greenville. Our volunteers connect with moms via our private and confidential email or phone/text line. We especially need Spanish/English translators as well as drivers who can take moms to Birthright of Greenville and local food banks. Contact wwmin@proton.me or text 864.618.6814 to learn more.



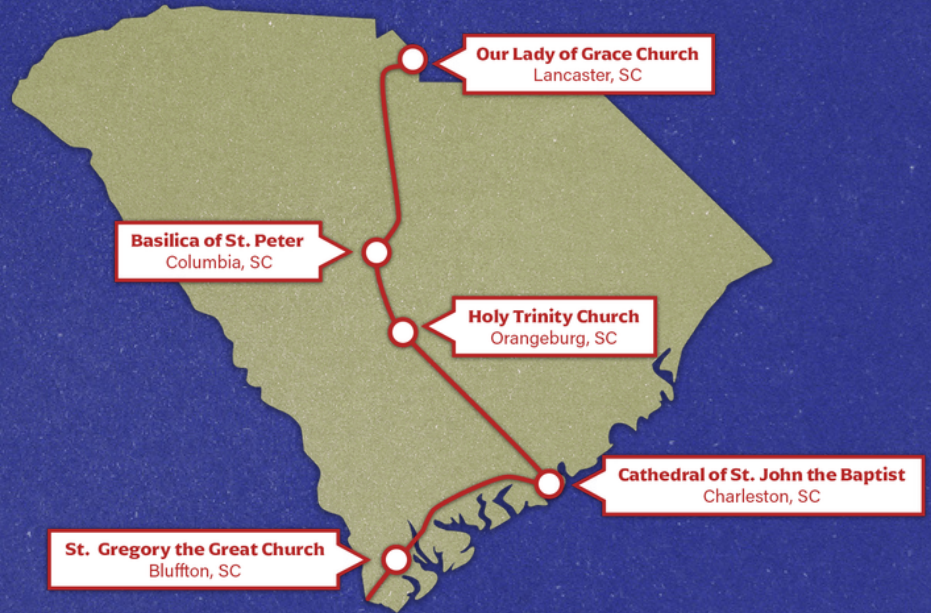
Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestdiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

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

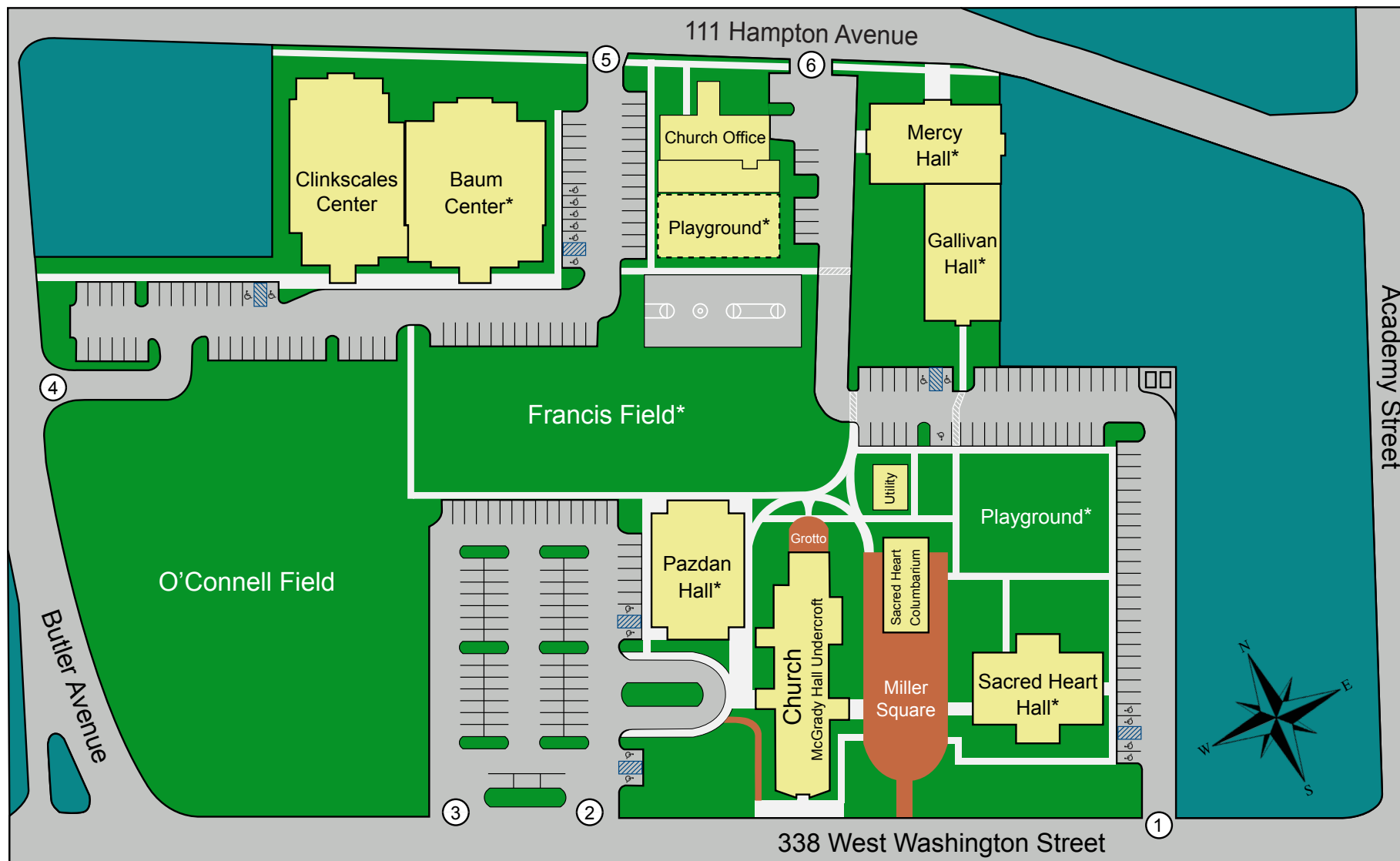


NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

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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