



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

21 June 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

We rejoice today in the priestly consecration of Fathers Philippe Dubourdiou Melazzi, Paul Sizemore, Michael Tracey, and Reyes Palomares Solis, who were ordained last Friday for the Diocese of Charleston in our Cathedral Church of Saint John the Baptist, where Father Damask was ordained one year ago and I was ordained thirty-three years ago next month. In early July all four of these new priests will take up their first assignments around the diocese, and our own Father Reyes will report as parochial vicar to Saint Andrew's Church, Clemson where he will also have responsibility for the Spanish-speaking community at Saint Paul's Church, Seneca.

But even as we rejoice in these blessings, we must admit that in the Church today the priesthood is regarded by not a few as an anachronism or as a freakish waste of a man's life. And even among those who are grateful for the ministry of priests, too many think of the priesthood as a rare gift given only to rare men. But my friends, the priesthood is not an extraordinary life for extraordinary men; it is, rather, an ordinary Christian life for ordinary Christian men. What is extraordinary is being a Christian at all.

"The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." From the beginning of his public ministry until now, the Lord Jesus has continually called the entire human race to the obedience of faith and to the freedom of the children of God by being born again in Holy Baptism, and when the radical demands of Baptism have once been grasped, then every Christian way of life takes its proper place in the Church for all Christians, including marriage, religious life, and the sacred priesthood.

It is sometimes said that there is a shortage of vocations in the Church, but if so, that is because there are too few Catholics who understand and accept the cost of discipleship. And that is why there are both too few priests and too few husbands and wives who are open to the gift of children. The remedy for this shortage, of course, is the spreading of the life-changing conviction that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe, and that conviction spreads only when the Gospel is proclaimed in season and out by those who are both teachers and witnesses. And the strength to be both teacher and witness comes only from the grace of God given to us in Christ Jesus, crucified and Risen.

May Father Dubourdiou, Father Sizemore, Father Tracey, and Father Palomares become powerful instruments of God's grace by being effective witnesses to the truth of the Gospel who inspire others to follow Christ in the Way of the Cross, surrender their entire lives in the obedience of faith to the Word made flesh, and dedicate themselves to radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 21 June

7.30 am	Raphael Augustine Wilmeth
9.00 am	† Frederic & Margaret Becklo
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 22 June

7.00 am	Genevieve Smith & Family
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Tuesday 23 June

7.00 am	† Deacon David Amelotti
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Wednesday 24 June

7.00 am	† Rev James J Tully
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Thursday 25 June

7.00 am	† Joseph & Mary Sanfilippo
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Friday 26 June

7.00 am	† George & Nancy Miller
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Saturday 27 June

5.00 pm	Charlotte Lane
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 21 June

Father's Day

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 am Masses (P)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
2.00 pm Fr Palomares Reception (C)

Monday 22 June

Tuesday 23 June

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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Wednesday 24 June

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

Thursday 25 June

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 26 June

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 27 June

12.30 pm	SCCCW Social (P)
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 13/14 June

Needed	41,300
Received	45,076
Surplus	+ 3,776

Poor Box	536
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	2,065,000
Received	2,200,020
Surplus	+ 135,020

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	735,214
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Still to Go	264,786
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2026 Catholic Annual Appeal

Goal	136,725
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Donations Received	99,850
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Still to Go	36,875
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 13/14 June

5.00 pm	334
7.30 am	371
9.00 am	426
11.00 am	418
1.00 pm	412

Total	1,961
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Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

The church will be closed after
7.00 am Mass on Friday 3 July.

No Holy Hour and Confessions on any
Wednesday in July (resumes 5 August).

Parish Office Closure

In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on Friday 3 July.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Greenaway, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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, 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, 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.

Congratulations to

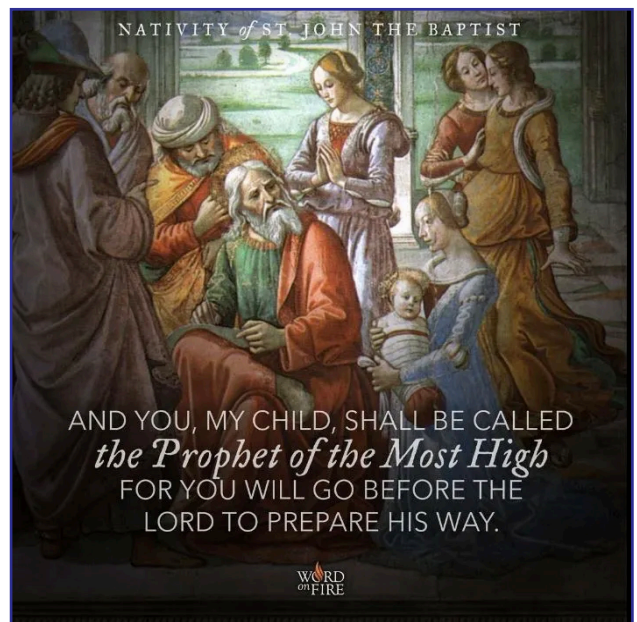
Dominic Raphael Salamida who was baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 20/21 June

Support of the Parish

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



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 21 June**.

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.

Congratulations Deacon George Tierney!



Deacon George Tierney was ordained in our Cathedral Church of Saint John the Baptist on 28 June 1986 and has served the Church with great dedication and generosity for four decades. We are deeply grateful to Deacon George for his faithful witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. *Ad multos annos!*

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.45 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. If interested in joining our ministry, please contact Peter Mathern (early group) at peter.mathern@gmail.com or 864.363.5658 or Mike Munafò (late group) at mmunafò1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

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.

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 mFDQleWQ2I4RWQwREFvUT09>. Contact Bob Markway at Rmarkway@bellsouth.net with questions.

The Center for Evangelical Catholicism
INVITES YOU TO AN

OLD-TIME TENT REVIVAL CONCERT

WALKING THAT OLD SAWDUST TRAIL

with the HILLBILLY THOMISTS

—A RARE U.S. TOUR APPEARANCE!—

AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF BLUEGRASS, GOSPEL JOY, AND REVIVAL SPIRIT!

<p>MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026</p> <p>DOORS OPEN: 5:45 PM</p> <p>CONCERT: 6:30 - 9:00 PM</p> <p>CLINKSCALES CENTER ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 111 HAMPTON AVENUE GREENVILLE, SC 29601</p> <p>AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF BLUEGRASS • GOSPEL JOY • REVIVAL SPIRIT Featuring the nationally acclaimed Hillbilly Thomists, the bluegrass band of Dominican friars whose albums have reached the Billboard Bluegrass charts.</p>	<p>TICKET PRICES</p> <p>\$30 THROUGH JUNE 30</p> <p>\$40 BEGINNING JULY 1 PRICE PER PERSON (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)</p> <p>ONLY 400 TICKETS AVAILABLE!</p> <p>NO REFUNDS</p>	<p>PURCHASE TICKETS & INFO</p> <p>WWW.EVANGELICALCATHOLICISM.COM</p> <p>Scan here to get your tickets today!</p>
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Greenville Deanery Council of Catholic Women Cordially Invites you to join us for

Cards & Conversations

Lunch will be served

- Meet new friends
- Learn more about the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women
- Collaborate with ladies from your deanery to strengthen the kingdom of God in the upstate
- Play a game of Traveling Cards
- Win Prizes!!!

JUNE | 27

12:30 - 4:30
St. Mary's Catholic Church
338 W Washington Ave.
Greenville, SC
Pazden Hall

Contact Deanery President
Rita Brown
864-420-5286
ritamb@aol.com
for more information

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 23 & 30 June 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.

Nursery Closure

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.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find Mass times at a parish near you.

<https://masstimes.org>
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

School Summer Hours 8 June - 3 August

Monday - Thursday 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe and most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call 864.271.3870 ahead of time to ensure that it is open.



**St. Mary's 5th Annual
Young Adult Dance
Swing Into Summer**

Details

Saturday, June 27
St. Mary's Clinkscales Center
Doors Open 7pm
Swing Lesson begins promptly
at 7:30

Young Adults (21+) of the
Upstate Welcome!
Barbeque and snacks will
be provided. BYOB



Respect Life
SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

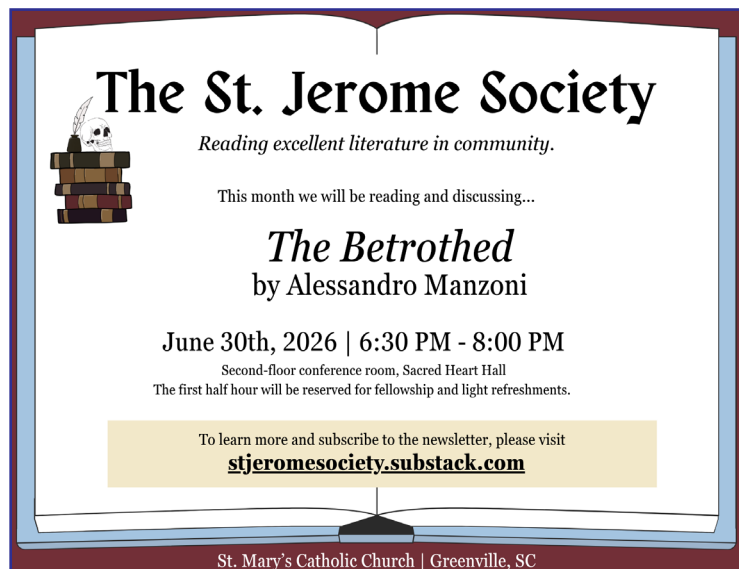
Week 39

As delivery draws near, the baby is somewhere between 6 to 9 pounds. Their brain has gotten 30 percent bigger than four weeks ago.



Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.
James 1:17

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 Betrothed
by Alessandro Manzoni

June 30th, 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

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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.

Learn more and register for Fall 2026 classes on the parish website

<https://smcgv1.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/>

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgv1.org for more information 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 14 September 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>

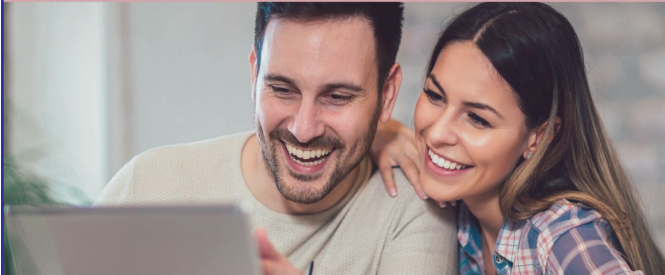
Formed.org

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.



JULY 9 | 7:15PM (EST)

The Marriage Catechumenate Webinar Series presents:



Formed for Love: Online Marriage Preparation and Beyond

"Join our upcoming Diocesan Webinar to evaluate three premiere online marriage preparation platforms. Learn how parish teams can leverage these digital tools to accompany engaged couples through the marriage catechumenate and toward holy, lifelong marriages."



Tara Brooke
General Operations Manager
Agapé Catholic Ministries



Dino Durando
Director of Marriage & Family Life
Diocese of Kansas City
Thrive! Marriage Prep



Laura Cain
Community Engagement
SmartLoving Engaged

REGISTER in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/MarriageCatJuly9>

For more info, contact jflorendo@charlestandiocese.org



UNDERSTANDING THE HUMAN PERSON

July 17 (Friday) 5:30 - 9:00 PM | July 18 (Saturday) 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
900 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC 29407



TOPICS Include:

- Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body
- The Roots of Sexual Revolution
- God's Gift of Sexuality and Fertility
- Consequences of harmful Sexual Behavior
- Child Development and the Importance of Family
- Gender Identity and Confusion...and more

REGISTRATION FEE: \$150

includes approximately 12 hours of instruction, books and meals

ONLY \$75 for DREs/ Youth Ministers/
Family and Marriage Coordinators/ NFP Teachers

FREE for Seminarians

Register in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/FamilyHonorJuly2026>
For more info, contact: familylife@charlestandiocese.org



Diocesan News

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC 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!):

Sunday 9 am

Monday 1 am*

Tuesday 9 am & 10 am*

Friday 8 am

Saturday 11 am* & 7 pm

Job Openings

St Anthony of Padua is hiring for two positions. Learn more about the Facilities Coordinator position at <https://charlestandiocese.org/job/facilities-coordinator/> and the Parish Operations Manager position at <https://charlestandiocese.org/job/pastors-assistant-operations-manager/> if interested.

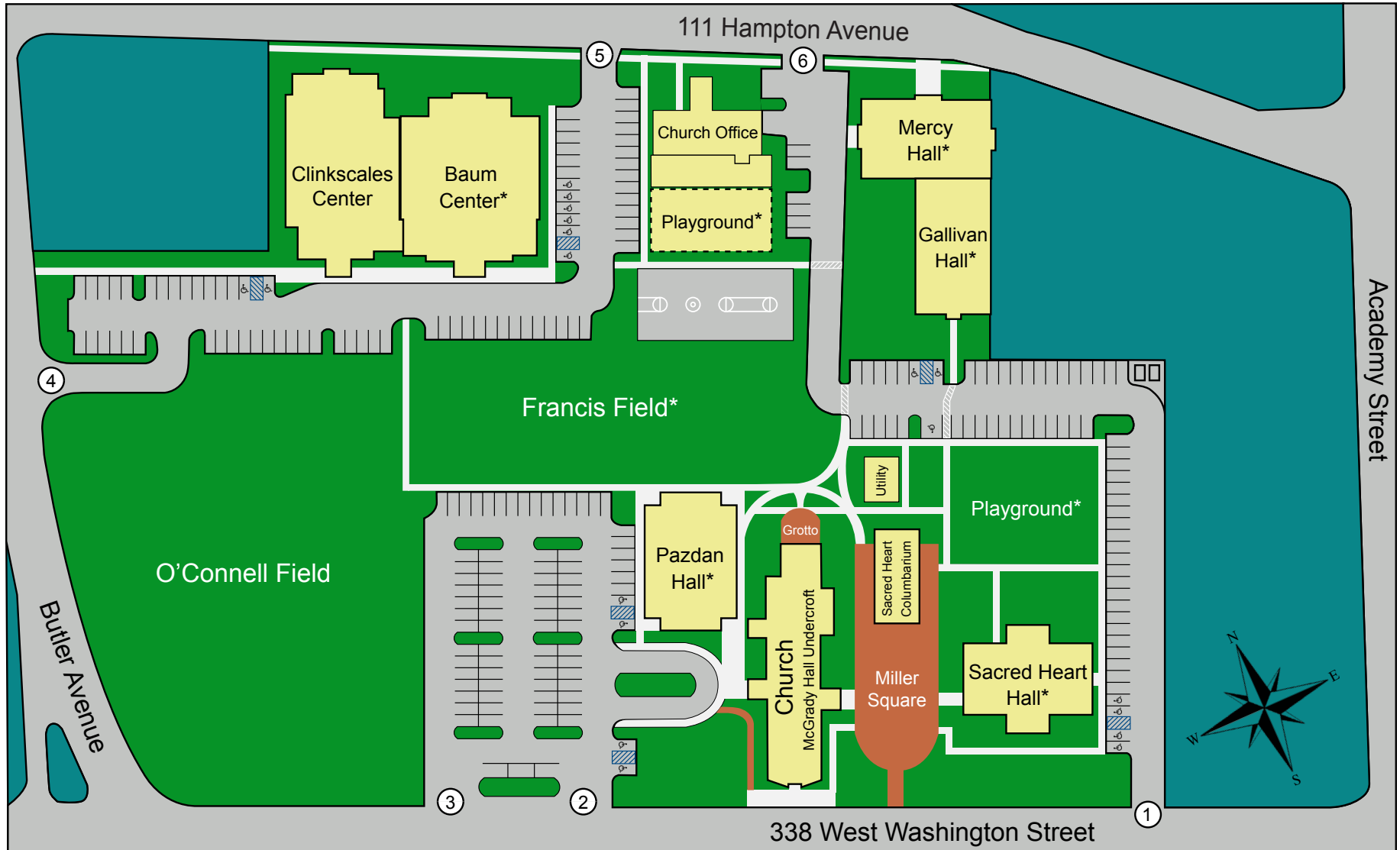


Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestandiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

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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