



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

19 July 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Be still and know that I am God.” Thus does the Lord instruct us in Psalm 46, verse 10. The stillness to which we are called in Holy Scripture is a letting go of actions and words that yields silence, both interior and exterior, and such silence is essential for every disciple of the Lord Jesus. We need times of exterior silence in order to cultivate interior silence, and without interior silence we make it very difficult to hear the Word of God. For this reason, silence is indispensable to authentic and mature Christian faith and life.

Our Evangelical Protestant brethren often emphasize the need for a daily “Quiet Time,” which is accompanied by reading the Bible and keeping silent. This is nothing other than the ancient Catholic practice of *lectio divina*, or divine reading, which is a meditative reading of the Scriptures in a quiet place. Divine reading is understood to have four parts: *lectio*, *meditatio*, *oratio*, and *contemplatio*. Reading leads to meditating on what is read, and our meditation leads to prayer that culminates in the wordless contemplation of the beauty, goodness, and truth of God. Understanding the parts, though, is not essential to the practice of *lectio divina*: simply set aside time each day, go to a quiet place, open the Sacred Page and read. “Be still and know that I am God.”

Exterior and interior silence is also essential in the sacred liturgy. We come to the church from a life filled with action and noise, and when we enter the sacred space of the House of God, we need to be quiet. Conversations should end in the vestibule, so that by the time we reach the pew, we are on the path to being still. Prayerful readings of the Scripture lessons appointed for that Mass might be helpful, or perhaps it would be well simply to kneel in silent adoration of the Lord Jesus present in the tabernacle. “Be still and know that I am God.”

Once the celebration of Mass begins, the liturgy will be punctuated by several periods of sacred silence: at the penitential rites, as we remember our sins and ask for mercy; during the Liturgy of the Word, to ponder the Scriptures; after the homily, to consider the instruction given; before the end of the Communion Rite, to give thanks for the gift of grace we receive in the Most Holy Eucharist. And at Vespers there are even more and longer spaces of sacred silence. During these times of silence, we are not waiting for the next thing to happen; instead, we are waiting together upon the Lord. “Be still and know that I am God.”

When Mass is ended, our need for silence does not end. The church is always a place of prayer, even after the procession leaves the sanctuary. For the sake of those who want to linger in adoration and of those who are arriving for the next Mass and need to prepare in stillness, we should save our conversations until we reach the vestibule or, even better, have walked outside the church, preferably into Miller Square which is designed for fellowship after Mass. With such reverential silence, we can begin to fulfill the precept: “Be still and know that I am God.”

Father Newman



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

July 1, 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of July 18-19, the diocese will take up a second collection to assist with the care of retired and infirm priests in South Carolina. Our pastors have given their lives in service to our local parish communities. Now, they rely on our assistance and care to have their medical and financial needs met so that they can enjoy a dignified retirement.

Many of our priests require medical treatment, housing costs and everyday expenses that may be difficult to cover on their own. Every donation to this important fund will be used directly to serve these faithful servants of God. Your generosity will make a tremendous impact on the lives of our priests who have dedicated themselves to serving the Church in our state.

As they have acted as the central catechists of our parish communities and the custodians of the sacraments throughout their ministry, “Let us show Christ honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another” (St. Andrew of Crete). I ask that you please continue to keep our retired shepherds in your prayers, which provide great comfort and strength to our infirm priests.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness to our clergy. May God bless you abundantly for your compassion to those who have given so much for us.

In Christ’s love,

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

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 19 July	
7.30 am	† Mr & Mrs James T Mooney Sr
9.00 am	† Richard Sullivan
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass
Monday 20 July	
7.00 am	MJ Krauter
Tuesday 21 July	
7.00 am	Juan Carlos Gomez
Wednesday 22 July	
7.00 am	Greg Mytych
Thursday 23 July	
7.00 am	† Armando Ponce de Leon
Friday 24 July	
7.00 am	† Raymond Spears
Saturday 25 July	
5.00 pm	Armaly Children & Godchildren

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 19 July	
KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 am Masses (P) No Nursery (resumes 9 August)	
Monday 20 July	
Tuesday 21 July	
Wednesday 22 July	
8.00 am	Wit & Wisdom Bible Study (M) No Holy Hour & Confessions (resumes 5 August)
Thursday 23 July	
7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
Friday 24 July	
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 July	
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
6.00 pm	Catholic Fellowship Dinner (P)

Financial Report

Weekend of 11/12 July

Needed	42,750
Received	44,305
Surplus	+ 1,555

Poor Box	147
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	85,500
Received	88,047
Surplus	+ 2,547

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
Donations Received	775,689
Still to Go	224,311

2026 Catholic Annual Appeal

Goal	136,725
Donations Received	113,456
Still to Go	23,269

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 11/12 July

5.00 pm	364
7.30 am	362
9.00 am	462
11.00 am	403
1.00 pm	382
Total	1,973

G - Gallivan Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
C - Clinkscals
Family Center

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

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

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

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, Dee Dillon.

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@smcgvl.org with any questions.

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 July**. 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.

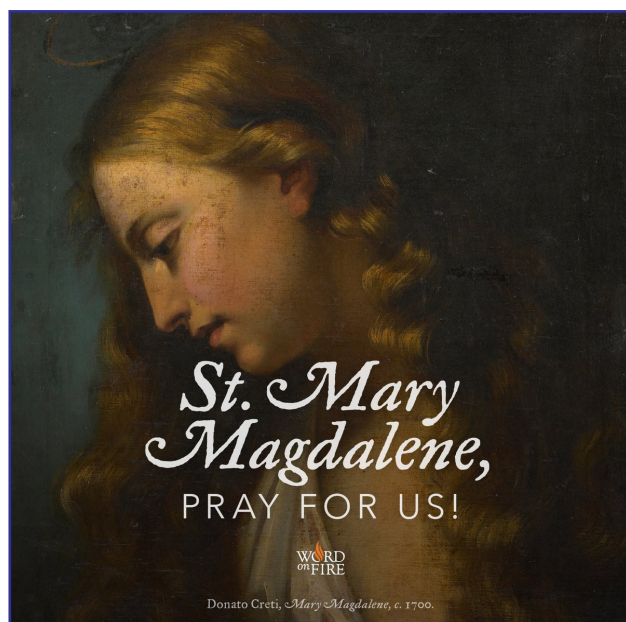
Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 18/19 July

Retired & Infirm Priests
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: Marissa Ervin, Travis Treffinger, Andrea Grandinetti, Valerie Rogers.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Congratulations to

Anna Boyd and James Canello who were married last weekend.

Benjamin Thomas Donley who was baptized last weekend.

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 more information.

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.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

<https://masstimes.org>

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

Word on Fire Digital



Word on Fire Digital is a subscription website paid for by St Mary's for all registered members. It is filled with an amazing array of Bishop Barron's video series which you cannot find

anywhere else on the internet. To gain free access follow these instructions:

1. Visit <https://smcgvl.flocknote.com/login>
2. Enter the email address you have registered with St Mary's
3. Flocknote will send a 4 digit pin to your email. Enter that pin to log in.
4. This will take you to the St Mary's Flocknote page. You'll see on the right a block showing that the church is paying for Word on Fire. Click on the link to **Word on Fire Digital** and that will take you to the site.

You can add the Word on Fire App to your phone, computer, most smart televisions, etc. One of the best known video series you'll see here is the Word on Fire series **Catholicism** which aired on PBS several years ago.

Announcing a St. Mary's Church
**CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY
DINNER**

"One Nation Under God"

*New to St. Mary's?
Want to visit with fellow parishioners,
make new friends, and build community?*

Join this fun, casual event!
6PM ~ 9PM
Saturday July 25, 2026
In Pazdan Hall after the 5:00 pm Mass

Fellowship dinners are a longstanding tradition at St. Mary's, offering a wonderful opportunity for adults to meet fellow parishioners, share a meal, and cultivate new friendships! Those who attend are asked to bring a dish to share that will serve 8-10 and if you wish, bring your favorite adult beverage. Coffee and tea are provided.

If you would like to attend the dinner or get on our mailing list for future dinners, please contact
Cody Smolik
1cs.2cs@gmail.com

An RSVP by July 22 - appreciated but not required
Food drop-off is available at 4:45 for those attending Mass.

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St Mary's Religious Education



**For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson
linda.jackson@smcgv.org
864.679.4110**

Registration for 2026-27 is now open

All children of the parish not attending a Catholic School (including Homeschool students) or attending St. Joseph's Middle School must register with the Religious Education Office. To register, use the links below or contact the Religious Education Office.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

(Earlier Start date and later dismissal time starting this year)

**Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.45 pm
Mid August - April**

Introduction To Catholicism for Youth (ages 14-17)

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30 - 7.45 pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

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

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://smcgv.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/>

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgv.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@smcgvl.org.

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. **The next class is Monday 14 September at 6.30 pm.** Contact Patrick Ford at patrick.ford@smcgvl.org to register.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whelen@smcgvl.org.

Church Donation Information

EFT Donation

St Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options:

Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation - make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

St Mary's Catholic Church
111 Hampton Avenue
Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Diocese of Charleston PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

<https://vocations.charlestdiocese.org>

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Sign up at <https://formed.org/individuals> using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.

July 2026

VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



July | Eucharistic Miracles

Read about Eucharistic miracles. Look into St. Carlo Acutis' collection!

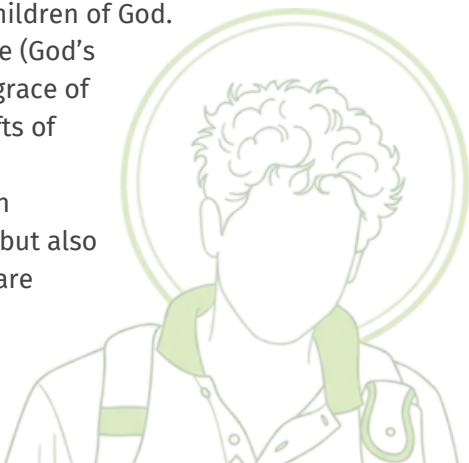
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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church
774-776, 780-801, 1113-1131, 1691-1698*

- The Church is referred to as the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and the Bride of Christ, among other titles.
- The Church is also referred to as the “universal sacrament of salvation” because she is the sign and instrument of the reconciliation and communion God desires for all of humanity.
- Sacraments are visible and efficacious (effective) signs of grace instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, through which God gives divine life.
- This salvific (saving) work of the Church is especially visible in the Seven Sacraments.
- The Seven Sacraments are: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony.
- Beginning in baptism and through all the sacraments, new life is communicated to the faithful.
- This is a life as children of God.
- It is the divine life (God's life) lived in the grace of Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Life in Christ is an elevated calling, but also one to which all are called.



Feasts & Solemnities

JULY 3: ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

He is often called “Doubting Thomas” because he did not initially believe that the other apostles had seen the risen Christ. However, his words upon encountering Christ constitute the most prominent declaration of Jesus's divine identity in the New Testament: “My Lord and my God!” (Jn 20:28). According to tradition, St. Thomas traveled as far as India on his missionary journeys, where he suffered martyrdom.

JULY 6: ST. MARIA GORRETTI, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

While still a young girl, St. Maria Gorretti was tragically and violently killed. Her resistance to her attacker was driven by her concern for the status of his soul (that he would be committing a mortal sin). She later forgave him before just her death. Her attacker, Alessandro Serenelli, served 27 years in prison, during which he experienced a deep conversion facilitated by the appearance of Maria Gorretti to him in a dream. He even attended her canonization in Rome in 1950 and later lived a life of prayer and penance as a lay Capuchin Franciscan.

JULY 14: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was the first Native American saint to be canonized. When she was very young, Kateri's immediate family died of smallpox. Although left with scarring, Kateri survived and was raised by her uncle, who was a chief of the Mohawks. After refusing the promptings of her aunt and uncle to marry, Kateri converted to Catholicism and eventually took a vow of chastity, taking only Jesus Christ as her spouse. Her aunt and uncle and others in the Mohawk community disapproved of this vow, even accusing her of sorcery. She was forced to leave her home and live with a Christian community near Montreal.

JULY 22: ST. MARY MAGDALENE

St. Mary Magdalene is famous called the “Apostle to the Apostles.” As the first witness of Christ's resurrection, she is the one who first told the Apostles the Good News (see Jn 20:11-18).

JULY 25: ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

St. James “the Greater” is called thus because he is the older of the two apostles named James and because his calling by Jesus came earlier. He is the brother of John and a son of Zebedee. He, along with his brother John and Peter, is one of the three apostles present at key events in Jesus' ministry, such as the Transfiguration. According to tradition, he traveled to Spain to preach the Gospel, then traveled back to the Holy Land where he was killed by Herod. His followers subsequently brought his remains back to Spain. That site, Santiago de Compostela, was rediscovered in the ninth century and remains a popular place of pilgrimage to this day.

JULY 29: STS. MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS

Jesus famously raises Lazarus from the dead in John's Gospel, but he does so only after he weeps (Jn 11:35). The three siblings from Bethany show us that Jesus had close friends who were dear to him. In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus not only showed his divine power, but also gave a preview of his own resurrection.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week



"We must rediscover ... the beauty of marriage lived according to God's plan, and we must work so that the value of this institution, which is fundamental and indispensable for human society, is reaffirmed in consciences, in culture and in the law itself."

St. John Paul II

#nfpweek 19-25 July 2026



Diocesan News

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"In silence I tell You everything, Lord, because the language of love is without words." ~Diary of St Faustina, 1489

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!):

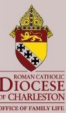
Monday 1 am*

Tuesday 9 am

Wednesday 11 am

Thursday 11 am & 6 pm

Saturday 7 pm



CHARTING HOPE

Medical and Spiritual Insights for Couples with Infertility

Q and A with the O'Steen Brothers



Dr. Jordan O'Steen
NAPRO Medical Consultant

Fr. Peter O'Steen
Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Columbia

This NFP Awareness Week (July 19-25), join a heartfelt conversation on how FertilityCare and NaProTechnology uncover the root causes, a place where faith and medicine meet with hope.



Date :
20 July 2026



Time :
6:00pm EST

REGISTER IN ADVANCE:

<https://tinyurl.com/NFPWeekWebJuly20>
Submit your questions to
kmeyer@charlestandiocese.org



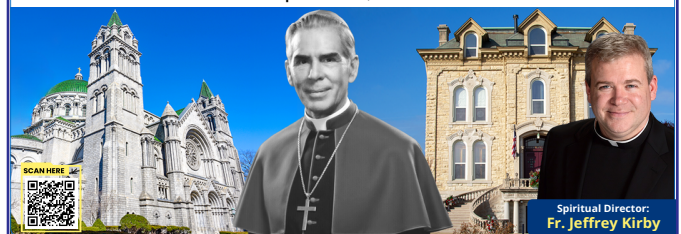
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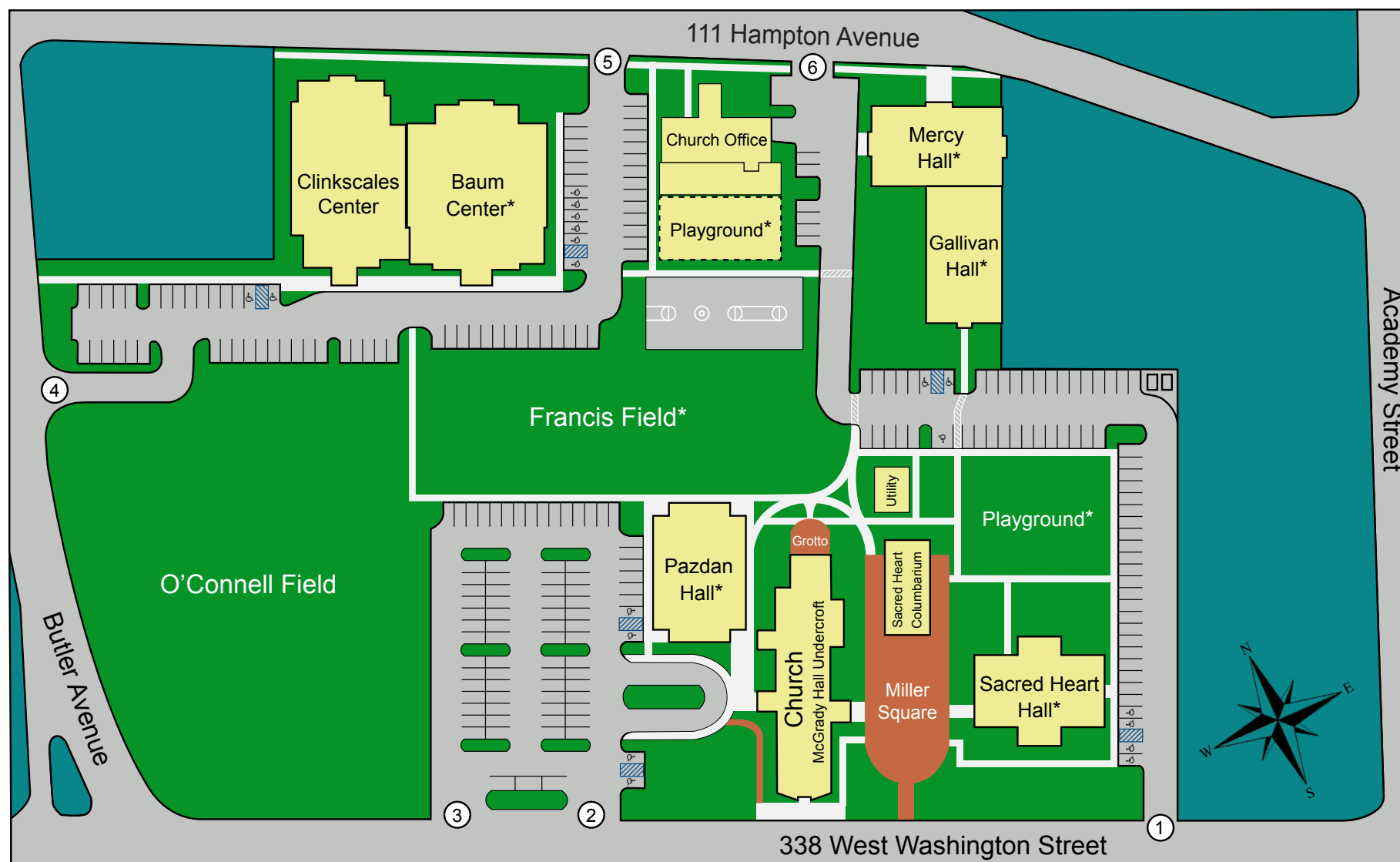


Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestandiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

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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