



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

6 September 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fourth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “Through Word and Sacrament we are drawn by grace into a transforming union with the Lord Jesus, and having been justified by faith we are called to sanctification and equipped by the Holy Spirit for the good works of the new creation. We must, therefore, learn to live as faithful disciples and to reject whatever is contrary to the Gospel, which is the Good News of the Father’s mercy and love revealed in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

When Protestants want to explain what they perceive as the primary mistake in Catholic teaching on salvation, they often charge that we believe in “works righteousness,” by which they mean that Catholics falsely believe we can earn the favor of God and be rewarded with eternal salvation by doing good works as opposed to being justified by faith. But to frame the conversation in this way presents a false choice between faith and works because we are not saved by either our faith or our works; rather, we are saved only by Jesus Christ, and his work of salvation is pure grace - the free and unmerited favor of God. The question, then, is how Christ extends to us this offer of salvation by grace alone and how we respond to that offer. To answer this question we must first acknowledge that all grace is mediated, meaning that God’s grace is given to us through instruments that correspond to our nature: words that we can hear and read, food that we can eat, the touch of human hands that we can feel. This is what it means to say that “through Word and Sacrament we are drawn by grace into a transforming union with the Lord Jesus.”

The Fourth Principle goes on to insist that having been justified by faith, we are then called to holiness of life - a call for which we are equipped by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is what the Lord Jesus teaches us in the Sermon on the Mount: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father...” And what is the will of Our Father? We are commanded to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to welcome the immigrant, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to protect the widow and the orphan, to defend the oppressed. Those who do these things will be welcomed into the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world, while those who do not do these things will be cast away into eternal punishment. (cf. Matthew 25.31-46)

This is not works righteousness; this is living by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Only because we have first received God’s gift of faith in Jesus Christ (justification), do we strive to live the life of the new creation in Jesus Christ (sanctification) so that we may inherit everlasting life in Jesus Christ (glorification). Justification must lead to sanctification which is made perfect in glorification; only together do these three moments of grace constitute what we mean by salvation: sharing by the grace of adoption the life and glory of the Triune God by our communion with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 6 September

7.30 am † Griffiths & Nielsen Families
9.00 am Henry Russell
11.00 am Pro Populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 7 September

No 7.00 am Mass - Church Closed All Day

Tuesday 8 September

7.00 am † Carrol & Doris Justice

Wednesday 9 September

7.00 am † Emily Rose Gomes

Thursday 10 September

7.00 am Annie Fisher

Friday 11 September

7.00 am † Ann & John Mitchell

Saturday 12 September

5.00 pm † Thelma Lauzon

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 6 September

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
6.00 pm High School Youth Group

Monday 7 September

Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 8 September

10.00 am SMCCW Meeting

Wednesday 9 September

8.00 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study (M)
5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm Religious Education
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (G)
6.30 pm Youth Introduction to Catholicism (P)

Thursday 10 September

7.00 pm SMCCW Paint & Sip (P)
7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 11 September

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)
6.30 pm Family Honor Program (G)
7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 12 September

9.00 am Family Honor Program (G)
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 29/30 August

Needed 42,750
Received 43,670
Surplus + 920

Poor Box 723

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 384,750
Received 399,578
Surplus + 14,828

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal 1,000,000

Donations Received 963,537

Still to Go 36,463

2026 Catholic Annual Appeal

Goal 136,725

Donations Received 132,508

Still to Go 4,217

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 29/30 August

5.00 pm 411
7.30 am 385
9.00 am 547
11.00 am 437
1.00 pm 422

Total 2,202

G - Gallivan Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
C - Clinkscals
Family Center

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gary Larson, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, James Smith, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, Sloane Perkins, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, 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, 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, Carol Anagnos.

Church & Parish Office Closure

In observance of Labor Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday 7 September. No 7.00 am Mass will be celebrated and the church will remain closed all day.

Congratulations to

Louise Seline Landry, Caroline Louise Pfister, and Kathleen Ann Smith who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

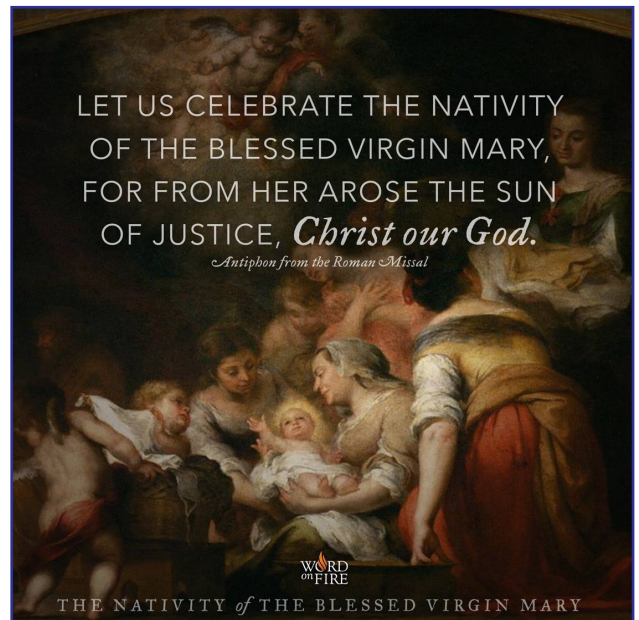
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Anthony & Kate Tassone, Derek Brown & Paula Ospina, William & Virginia Thompson, Maribel Johnson.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 5/6 September

Support of the Parish

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



Please join us for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship in Pazdan Hall dining room after the 9.00 am Mass.

Stock Donations to St Mary's Church

Consider a gift of appreciated stock for your annual giving. This method can offer significant tax benefits while providing crucial support to our parish. For more information on how to give stock and updated transfer instructions, please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org. Please note that we no longer use UBS for stock transfers.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a new Bible Study in the Monsignor Gwynn room in Sacred Heart Hall at 9.00 am every Sunday beginning 13 September. This year we will dive into St Paul's Captivity Epistles - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon - examining their theology, structure, and historical context through careful, verse-by-verse study. Open to anyone interested in developing a better relationship with our Lord Jesus by studying His Sacred Scriptures. Bring your bible and a friend! Contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com for more information.



The St. Jerome Society

Reading excellent literature in community.

This month we will be reading and discussing...

The Sparrow

by Mary Doria Russel

September 29th, 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
stjeromesociety.substack.com

St. Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC



REMEMBER the Moments.

RECOGNIZE the Grace.

A MONTHLY GATHERING FOR ADULT WOMEN

Come slow down, connect, and create as we reflect on the stories, moments, and memories that make up our lives—and discover how God is present in the everyday.

No scrapbooking experience needed!

THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

BISHOP ENGLAND CONFERENCE ROOM
SACRED HEART HALL

FELLOWSHIP
FAITH
REFLECTION
CREATIVITY

Bring your stories. Bring your memories. Come as you are.

CONTACT **Nina Obier** info@ninaobier.com
TO REGISTER

ALL ARE WELCOME!
We can't wait to share this journey with you!

SUPPORT ST MARY'S AT THE ANNUAL GALA!

CITY OF LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
MATTHEW 5:14

Masquerade IN PARIS

6 MARCH 2027
TEXT "MSGALA2027" TO 76278



Scan to Learn More!

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION VIRTUE EXCELLENCE



Open House Week is October 12-16

Schedule your school tour!
864.679.4117 nelle.palms@smcgvl.org

Grades K3-8






 101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 smcgvl.org

Every Sacred Sunday Mass Journal



October is almost here, which means the new journals will be released soon to begin the new liturgical year at Advent. The Mass journal is a beautiful linen hardcover journal containing full Mass readings for each Sunday and Solemnity for Liturgical Year B. It contains space to study the scriptures, record weekly prayer intentions and reflect on the homily.

We will place a group order for Mass journals, which is cheaper than buying them separate! Contact parishioner Vori Stinson at vori.smith@gmail.com to place your order or for more information. Please visit <https://everysacredsunday.com/pages/the-journal>.

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 mFDQlcwQ2I4RWQwREFvUT09>. Contact Bob Markway at Rmarkway@bellsouth.net.

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 Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women
ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED

*September
Members Meeting*

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

10:00AM WELCOME 🍁 10:10AM ROSARY 🍁 10:30AM MEETING

SACRED HEART HALL

**Speaker Fr Duncan,
St. Mary's Parochial Vicar**

Our Ladies Food Pantry Donation:
Bags of rice (no boxes), pasta (any kind), cereal and soap.
Lunch will be served

Questions? Contact us at:
SMCCWGL@gmail.com

CLICK THE ICON TO FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

*Paint & Sip
Party*

Join Us as We Welcome Our
New Members to SMCCW

All members invited!
Thursday, September 10, 7-9 PM
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pazdan Hall

All supplies included to create a 5" x 7"
painting* of the Holy Family led by our own
artist-in-residence Frances Foley.

Free to New Members/ \$10 for Returning Members
[Click Here to Register](#) by September 5

Questions? Text Lori Grant at
864.844.4049

*Suggest wearing
paint friendly clothes.



Little Flowers • GIRLS' CLUB •

A Catholic club for elementary-aged girls and their mothers, inspired by St. Therese and the *Little Way*.

We help girls grow in faith and virtue through the lives of the saints, Sacred Scripture, prayer, crafts, service projects, and meaningful friendships.



We meet the first and third Thursdays of the month at 3.15pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Contact Laura Nelson at littleflowers.smcgv1@gmail.com for more information.

Fidelis at St Mary's

*Forms girls - heart, mind, body, soul - into
virtuous disciples of Christ through
the witness of Catholic women.*

Virtue ❁ Mentorship ❁ Sisterhood



Fidelis is back this fall!

Fidelis is a program for young girls and women ages 12 and up which focuses on growing in faith, virtue, and sisterhood through carefully crafted lessons, community, mentorship

and service. We meet on Monday evenings for prayer, dinner, games, lessons, and group discussions. At St Mary's we work closely with the Council of Catholic Women for service project opportunities and to develop better relationships between the different generations of incredible women in this parish and our community in general.

Our first of four weekly program introductory meetings is Monday 14 September at 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

For more information about our chapter, contact Cristina Ortiz at FidelisStMarys@gmail.com. Visit <https://www.fidelissisterhood.org> to learn more about Fidelis.

Youth Ministries

High School Youth Group

St Mary's High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6.00 pm in Pazdan Hall. All high school youth and 8th graders who have been confirmed are welcome. Contact Chris Ortiz at chris.ortiz@smcgv1.org for more information.

Fraternus at St Mary's

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men ages 12 and up. We meet every Monday at 6.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. Contact stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com.

Church League Basketball

The basketball program at St Mary's has teams for athletes from the ages of K5 through high school. This is a parishwide program and all St Mary's children (St Mary's School, Religious Education or Homeschoolers) are welcome to participate. Register by Sunday 27 September at <https://smcgv1.org/church-league-basketball-program/>.

WELCOME PACK 521

**St Mary's Cub Scouts meet every
other Monday from 6:30-7:30pm in
McGrady Hall (Church Undercroft)**



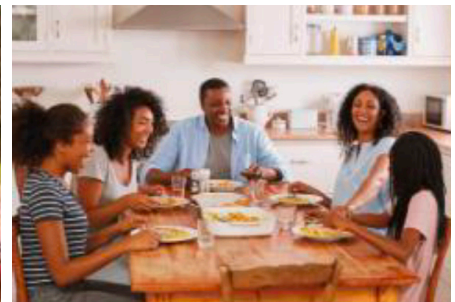
All boys in K5 through 5th grades are welcome to join! No prior involvement is required-start at any level. A parent attends each meeting with their child. Contact Nick Upham with any questions juph4m@gmail.com, 864-506-2384

**Activites include camping, Pinewood Derby,
Christmas parade, and more!**

Parents, if you'd like some help and encouragement as you raise your young teens, we've got a program for you!

Introducing **REAL LOVE & REAL LIFE** **LIVING THE FAITH**

A program for parents with your 7th or 8th grade child



Real Love & Real Life is a fun, informative Catholic program that you and your 7th or 8th grader attend together. You'll experience new ways to speak with each other (calmly) about purity, sex, real love, future dating, God's gift of fertility, and being created male and female in His image. The program is presented by men and women from Family Honor.



Family Honor, created in 1988, provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love and family.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Friday 11 September from 6.30–8.30 pm &
Saturday 12 September from 9.00am – 2.30pm
Gallivan Hall
\$35

Register at <https://familyhonor.org/real-love-real-life-st-marys>
Contact Daniel West at dwest@familyhonor.org with questions



St Mary's Religious Education



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

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.45 pm

Mid August - April

Monthly Parent Meeting This Week 9 September in McGrady Hall

Introduction To Catholicism for Youth (ages 14-17)

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30 - 7.45 pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

(Class if Full - Waitlist only) First Class is 13 September

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.

Classes meet on Wednesdays at 6.30 pm in Gallivan Hall.

Visit <https://smcgvvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> for more information.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvvl.org with questions about 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

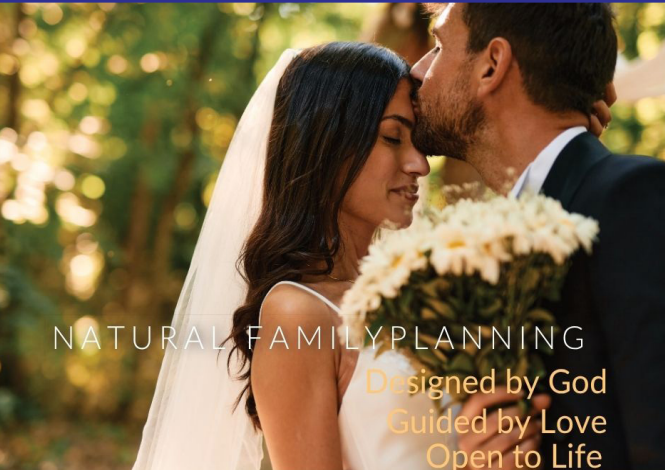
Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Sign up at <https://formed.org/individuals> using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.

 **SEPT. 26 | 9-3**

Spend a fun, relaxing day away with your spouse

 *A Better Marriage*
RETREAT

St. Finbar Hall, 900 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC
<https://tinyurl.com/BetterMarriageSept26>



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
Designed by God
Guided by Love
Open to Life

 **September Introductory Sessions**
Sep. 3, 5, 9, 10, 14, 16, 21 and 28
Creighton Model FertilityCare System and Sympto Pro

 **SEPT 9 | 7:15PM (EST)**

The Marriage Catechumenate Webinar Series presents:



Sacramental Foundations: Exploring Living a Joy-Filled Marriage & Engaged Encounter
"Join our upcoming Diocesan Webinar featuring 2 couples providing different marriage engagement retreats in our diocese."

 **Gary and Cheryl Ludlam**
Living a Joy-filled Marriage Presenters

 **Bob and Mary Reimer**
Engaged Encounter Presenters

Diocesan News

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for he is gracious!" ~Psalms 135:3 RSV-SB

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!):

Tuesday 9 am

Wednesday 7 am

Thursday 2 am* & 11 am

Saturday 7 pm & 9 pm

National Day of Remembrance

You are invited to A Day of Remembrance Service for those who have lost children due to cancer, illness, miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth or accident on Saturday 12 September at 6.00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church (3710 August Road). Please join us in prayer as we remember our loved ones and pray together to receive the Lord's comfort and blessing. The service will be held in the Lower Church. Please call or text 864.791.5080 for more information.

Nationwide Mass Times

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>



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>.

September 2026

VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



September | Fall Faith Opportunities

Participate in one faith formation opportunity offered by your parish or by the diocese.

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis



THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

*Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church
1803-1811; 1833-1839*

- A virtue is a firm and habitual disposition to do the good and thereby live the divine life
- There are both human virtues and theological virtues
- Human virtues are acquired by repeating morally good acts, and they are elevated and purified by grace
- The four cardinal virtues are principal, or first, human virtues (the word “cardinal” means “hinge,” and on these virtues hinge the entire virtuous life): prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance
- Prudence is the virtue that disposes reason to know and choose the good the means for achieving it in particular circumstances
- Prudence provides a “rule and measure” for other virtues
- Prudence guides the judgment of conscience
- In prudence one can apply moral principles in specific cases
- The term “justice” can be used to describe a virtue or a state of affairs
- When used to describe a virtue, justice refers to the disposition by which one firmly and consistently wills to give others their due
- When directed toward God, justice is called the “virtue of religion”
- When directed toward human beings, the virtue of justice disposes one to respect the rights of others and promote harmony in human relationships
- Fortitude is the virtue by which one maintains consistency in pursuing the good and firmness in the face of difficulties
- In fortitude, one’s resolve to resist temptations and overcome challenges in the moral life is strengthened
- Fortitude helps one overcome fear, even that of death
- By fortitude one may even sacrifice one’s own life for a just cause
- Temperance is the virtue that moderates attractions and the use of created goods
- Temperance helps the will to master one’s attractions and appetites
- Temperance helps one to order one’s sensitive appetites to the good
- It can also be referred to as “moderation” or “sobriety”



Feasts & Solemnities

SEPTEMBER 8: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church has commemorated Mary’s birth on this day since the sixth century. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception — which commemorates Mary’s conception and preservation from original sin — is celebrated on Dec. 8, nine months prior to this celebration.

SEPTEMBER 9: ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

St. Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit who traveled to serve Cartagena, in modern day Colombia. This port city was a hub for the Transatlantic slave trade at the time (early 17th century). Claver served the material and spiritual needs of the enslaved peoples, calling himself their “slave.”

SEPTEMBER 14: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

In the early fourth century, the mother of Constantine — the Roman emperor who had recently legalized Christianity — St. Helena famously journeyed to the Holy Land. While in Jerusalem, she had the original Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher built over the spot believed to be Jesus’ tomb. In the process, a cross believed to be the True Cross were found. Fragments of it subsequently made their way around the world. This day commemorates the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica.

SEPTEMBER 15: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

On the day after the celebration of the Holy Cross, we remember Jesus’ mother and the suffering she endured, particularly watching the cruel execution of her Son. Mary’s endurance of suffering makes her a fitting intercessor for any suffering we experience.

SEPTEMBER 21: ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Prior to his calling (see Mt 9:9-13), St. Matthew was a tax collector, a famously despised occupation in first century Judea. Its association with the ruling foreign powers led to suspicion and corruption. Matthew immediately responds to Jesus’ call (“Follow me”) and ultimately writes the Gospel that bears his name.

SEPTEMBER 23: ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

St. Padre Pio is one of the most beloved saints of the 20th century. The Franciscan friar’s reputation for holiness, love for the sick and suffering and prayerful intercession, spread around the world during his lifetime. He was given the grace of the stigmata, bearing the holy wounds of Christ’s crucifixion on his hands, feet and side. In 1962, Archbishop Karol Wojtyła of Krakow (now St. John Paul II) wrote to Padre Pio to ask for his prayers for a woman with throat cancer. She was healed within two weeks.

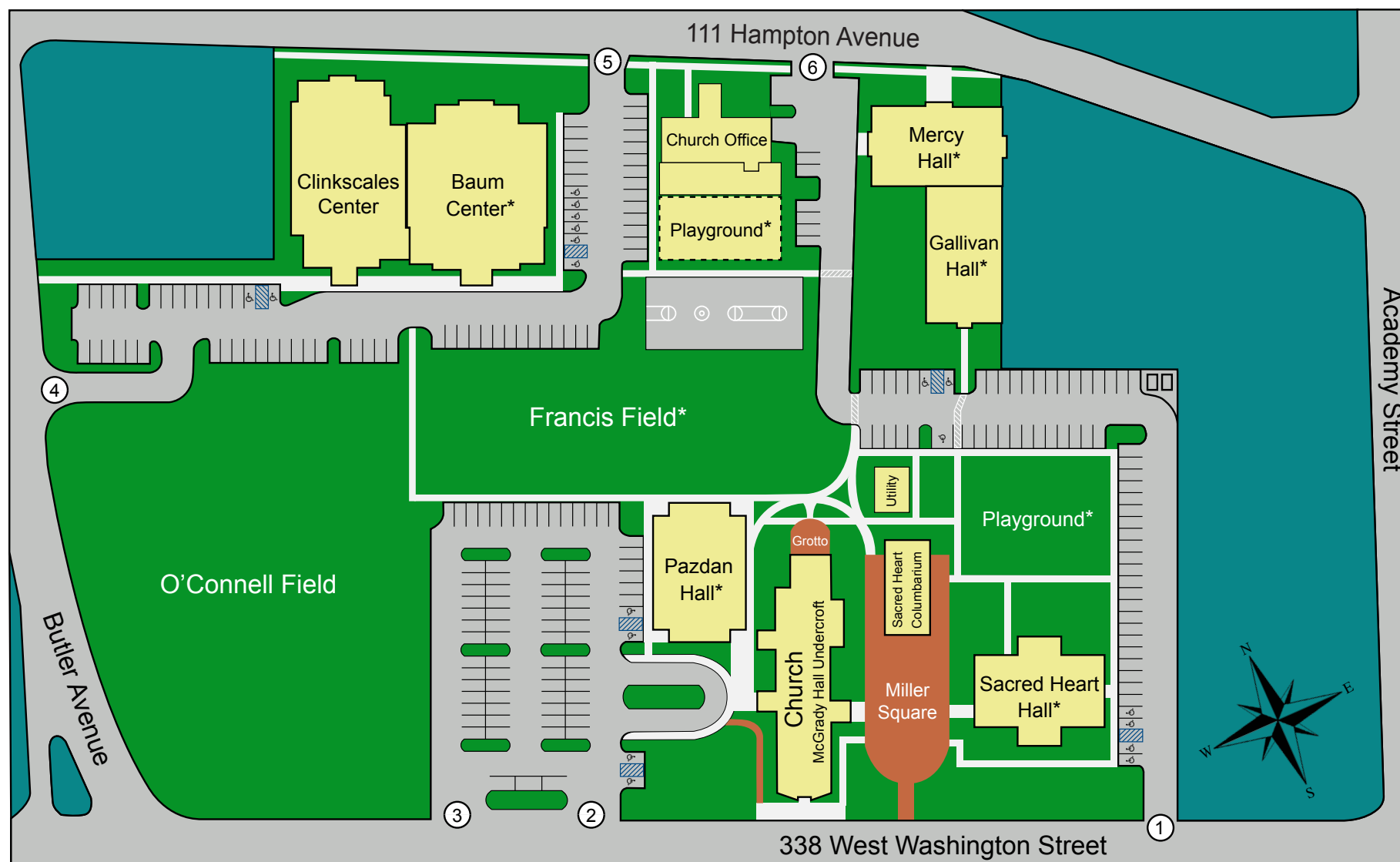
SEPTEMBER 29: STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

This feast was originally dedicated to St. Michael and called Michaelmas (Michael’s Mass). In 1970, the feasts of Sts. Gabriel and Raphael were joined to it. While there are many angels mentioned in Scripture, we are only given the name of these three. Michael is mentioned in the books of Daniel and Revelation as he battles evil. Gabriel is mentioned in the Book of Daniel and is the messenger to Mary at the Annunciation. Raphael appears in the Book of Tobit as Tobiah’s guide.

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.

The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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Father Justin Damask
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