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WEEKEND MASS

Upper Church
Saturday 5:00 pm, Anticipated
Saturday, 8:00pm, Neocatechumenal
Way Mass (Lower Church)

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm Sunday, 9:00-10:00 am

DAILY MASS

Monday, 8:30 am, Lower Church Tuesday, 12:00 pm, Lower Church Wednesday, 6:00 pm Upper Church Thursday, 10:00 am, Upper Church Friday, 10:00 am, Lower Church

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Upper Church
Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 pm
Or by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

3710 Augusta Rd. † Greenville, SC 29605

July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pastor's Letter this week will be from Tommy Curtin, Headmaster

It is hard not to notice that Our Lady of the Rosary Church has added many families to the congregation over the last few years. Something is attracting families, not just from within Greenville, but from across the country. I have heard OLR called a "Unicorn." This term describes a community that combines all desirable traits in one place: reverent liturgy, faithful families, holy clergy, lovely music, charitable ministries, and classical Catholic education, within a livable city and state. And like unicorns, they basically don't exist in real life.

OLR's unicorn attributes will only become more appealing as the secular culture of our country darkens. But for Our Lady of the Rosary to continue receiving those who would relocate to join us, we must increase the capacity of our facilities.

Since this past fall, we have worked with Hord architects to develop a vision for the future. Fr. Longenecker and I teamed with individuals from the parish and school to craft a campus plan that will support this growth, while achieving a more beautiful and intentional arrangement of buildings. This new OLR will allow school enrollment to expand from 300 to 450 students, while more than doubling the amount of meeting space available to parishioners during the day.

In addition to more classrooms, the new buildings will bring parish and school offices into close proximity, allowing for better and more harmonious collaboration among staff. Our plan provides for a phased approach, that would allow school and parish life to continue uninterrupted, if a little inconvenienced, while the building occurs. We look forward to sharing detailed renderings with you in the months to come.

Finally, our prospects for acquiring the five acres across Frontage Road continue to improve. Perhaps it is premature to call it a done deal, but the path to a successful acquisition has never been clearer, thanks to the excellent leadership of some key parishioners throughout the process. We do not need the property for the building project itself, but owning it will give us much more flexibility with which to plan, both now and in the future. Our Lord is doing amazing things at OLR. And it seems the best is still yet to come!

Tommy Curtin Headmaster

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Parish Operating Financials Weekend Collections for June 25, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000. Received: \$ 17,974. Shortfall: \$ -1.026.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #52 in the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022

> Needed: \$ 988,000. Received: \$ 1,113,386. Surplus: \$ 126,386.

SAVE THE DATE ...

OLR Parish Retreat at Look Up Lodge Saturday, September 9, 2023 9am-7pm

This event is free, however, you may wish to make a donation to help offset the per person cost.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, John Bruce, OFS, Megan Burgess, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culkin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, Joseph Donovan, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Michael Granger, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Janet Hardy, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Ingrid Ireland, Bob Jackowski, Bethe Kitchen, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Lisa Meyer, Dianne Morrison, Marjorie Munson, Mrs. That Nguyen, Kim Orr, Marlowe Pastor, Dcn. Ray & Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Nancy & Earl Smith, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Cheryl Wallace, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Will Woodward, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, July 1, through Sunday, July 9 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 7/1	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Marta Comas</i>
Sunday, 7/2	8:00 am - Mass 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, For Katie O'Brien Vogg+ 5:00 pm - Mass, For The People
Monday, 7/3 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass
Tuesday, 7/4 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass
Wednesday, 7/5	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass
Thursday, 7/6 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass
Friday, 7/7 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, For Alice Curtis+
Saturday, 7/8	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Laz Toca</i>
Sunday, 7/9	8:00 am - Mass, For Josephine Suit Howard+ 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, For The People 5:00 pm - Mass

Fr. Longenecker is teaming up with notable
Bible teacher, Steve Ray, to lead a parish pilgrimage
to the **Holy Land on May 15-24, 2024**.

If you're interested mark your calendars and email Donna Craft in the Parish Office, dcraft@charlestondiocese.org.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"We cannot say that we love Jesus only in the Eucharist—naturally, we want to put that love into action. We cannot separate the Eucharist and the poor."

Mother Teresa

Recently, we encountered a homeless gentleman who has spent most of his older life living outdoors and had no interest in shelter space, saying, he "didn't want to follow any rules." His vice was alcohol. Years of addiction and living outside had taken a toll on his health. After several long conversations and with the help of friends at St. Francis hospital system, he received some urgently need healthcare.

For recovery, he went into respite care at the Rescue Mission. After respite, he decided the mission was ok, and then agreed to enter their Overcomers program. He is still there, and, according to his counselor, he is doing fine. He has taken the first steps to be off the street, deal with his addiction, and prayerfully, learn to live in the world again and not on the fringes. He has a long road ahead. Continue to pray for those living on the fringes of our society that they, too, may take those first steps.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach cloewer@charlestondiocese.org 864-412-7101

St. Martha's Book Club

July 3 - Remarkably Bright Creatures, by Shelby Van Pelt We meet from 12:30-2:00pm.

Call Marianne 864-360-2406 for meeting location.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

In June, because of your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we were able to provide food to 220 families, and assisted 5 families by spending \$1,200. for utility and rent bills, etc. This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank You!

You are invited to pray for Fr. Joshua Johnson who was ordained priest on June 29, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham in Houston, TX. The newly ordained Father Johnson will offer a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, July 2, at 4pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 208 Seventh Ave W, Hendersonville, NC 28791. An opportunity for first priestly blessings and reception will follow.

School News



August 10 Back to School Night

August 14 First Day of Class

(2023-24 School Year)

Patriotic Rosary on Sunday, July 2



Please join us before the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, July 2, for a very special Independence Day rosary - the "Patriotic Rosary".

This will include special prayers for our country, along with spiritual quotes from the Founding Fathers, and patriotic hymns sung by our very own Schola Choir.

Since this version of the rosary is considerably longer than the standard rosary, we will **start at 9:40am** (rather than the usual 10am).

We hope you can pray and sing along with us as we lift our hearts and voices to God for the sake of our country!



11th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 14 at the Greenville Convention Center

Our featured speakers include: Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, STB, STL; Fr. Thomas Petri, OP, STB, STL, STD; Jim Wahlberg; John Martignoni; Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D.

General admission is \$125, youth is \$75, and it includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Register by October 2, by mail. Registration after October 2: \$135. All need to be registered by October 6.



The parish and school offices will be **closed July 3-7**, for the week of the July 4th holiday.

The daily Masses will be celebrated at their usual times. Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be held at their usual times.

With our parish growing the way it is, our youth groups are thriving and growing.

We are in need of volunteers to lead our Middle School Youth Group. If you are interested in assisting, please contact JohnMark Cayer in the parish office.

The **Diocesan Second Collection** for the weekend of July 2, will be for the Peter's Pence.

The Tithe Committee will make a donation on behalf of OLR, however, there will also be a basket in the Narthex if you wish to make an additional donation.

Online Giving

Please remember that especially during the summer months, we have continuing financial obligations.

To sign up for regular online planned giving, or to make a single donation online go HERE.



The 3rd Annual World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on Sunday, July 23, near the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is "His

mercy extends from age to age" (Luke 1:50).

OLR will be celebrating our Grandparents and Elders at each Mass the weekend of July 22/23. There will be a reception after the Anticipated Mass on July 22, in Guadalupe Hall for the grandparents and seniors of our parish.

A light meal, name-that-jingle- game, and fellowship will highlight a fun and enjoyable evening. Call or text Victoria Norris at 864.517.4279 or Cheryl Bever at 864.380.5432 for more information.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 15, July 2



Your baby's eyes are slowly starting to move. His scalp hair patterning is determined, and his lower limbs are becoming more developed. Baby's heart has been beating since week five, and he has been alive since conception.

Abortion Pill Reversal - If you have, or know someone who has, taken the first abortion pill but want (s) to save your/her baby, please call Abortion Pill Reversal at 877-558-0333.

APR Doctors/Dentists Needed - The Abortion Pill Reversal has allowed doctors to prescribe an antidote if a woman changes her mind after taking her first abortion pill. This protocol has saved over 4,500 babies from abortion. For more info, call Sara at 614-885-7577, Ext. 236 or email her at medical@heartbeatinternational.org.

First Thursday Adoration Thursday, July 6, 6-8 PM Lower Church



Please join the Respect Life Committee as we pray for further protections for the unborn and vulnerable among us, for our priests, deacons and religious, all who pray and counsel at the abortion clinic as well as the volunteers and clients of OLR's Walking with Moms in Need program. Thank you!

OLR's WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED program

assists Moms in Need, especially those with unexpected pregnancies, by offering support for their questions and concerns as well as assisting them in providing for themselves and their growing baby. If you find yourself in need of our free services, we would be so happy to connect with you via email:

wwmin@proton.me or phone: 864-412-7101.

You are not alone. We are here for You!

Please see the OLR websites at <u>olr.church</u> and <u>olr.school</u> for all the most recent news and announcements.