



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church

Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Earlier this summer our Headmaster, Tommy Curtin, wrote a series of letters bringing you up to date on the developments at OLR school. At that point we were unsure whether we would be able to acquire the five acre plot across Frontage Road from our property. Even if we were able to obtain that land, it was not clear exactly how to use the new acreage. Should the new school be built there or keep that space for future development?

In March we had a meeting with the architects and key stakeholders in the parish and school: parents, alumni, faculty, parishioners and benefactors. The architects presented three plans for campus development—all of which involved building on the present campus. At that meeting a general plan was approved and the architects have worked with us to refine the layout and floor plans. Now they are working on some concept drawings.

The plans as they now stand are to construct two school buildings. The first will be built behind the existing lower school and will house the lower and middle schools. Then in the second phase the present lower school and the Guadalupe Hall would be demolished and the second building would be constructed at right angles to the first building. This building would house a new, larger Guadalupe Hall, a full kitchen, school cafeteria and the Upper School. The ground floor would house school and parish offices. A future third phase will provide a new Athletics and Fine Arts facility. This could be built either on the site of the existing gym or on the newly acquired five acre plot.

The next step will be to hold a general meeting in mid-September to present these plans and concept drawings to the whole parish and school community. This will be the opportunity for everyone to see what is being planned and offer feedback. When we have approval from the majority of the parish/school community we will begin to work with contractors to put a price tag on the project.

Once we have a rough estimate of the cost, the parish and school financial teams will put together a financial plan. Then Mr. Curtin and I will make a presentation to the Bishop, and the administrative team at the Diocese to achieve Diocesan approval. We will request permission for the project and for a major capital campaign.

For the last decade we have been patching and repairing our crumbling school facilities. As everyone has agreed, the existing school buildings are totally inadequate for the future of our school. The future is not only for the benefit of our children and grandchildren. The long term effects of Catholic education are far reaching. A strong Catholic school is the key to a strong Catholic future, and a strong Catholic future is key to a strong and healthy culture.

Please pray for the success of this venture. We believe our new project will attract the support of Catholics not only in our parish, and in the upstate, but that it will be a sign and example for many other parishes and schools across the diocese and beyond.

Your pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for July 23, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 21,988.
Surplus: \$ 2,988.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections Through Week #4 in the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 76,000.
Received: \$ 80,760.
Surplus: \$ 4,760.

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

This event is free, however, you may wish to make a donation to help offset the cost. Space is limited, go [HERE](#) to reserve your spot.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, John Bruce, OFS, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culkin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, 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 29, through Sunday, August 6

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 7/29	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Paul Bever, Jr. +</i>
Sunday, 7/30	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Fr. Timothy S. Reid</i> 5:00 pm - Mass
Monday, 7/31 Lower Church	8:30 am - <i>Communion Service</i>
Tuesday, 8/1 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For John & Harriet Byers+</i>
Wednesday, 8/2	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass
Thursday, 8/3 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Leigh Mahan</i>
Friday, 8/4 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Joseph McKinney</i>
Saturday, 8/5	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 8/6	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Murray M. Howard, Jr. +</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Andrew & Ursula Osteoski+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Roxanne Gurley+</i>



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

We welcome Father Pascal Kumanda of Cross Catholic Outreach, who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Today, if we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other—that man, that woman, that child is my brother or my sister."

Mother Teresa

Recently, I saw the movie "Sound of Freedom" which has gotten a lot of publicity lately. While this has been an eye-opening experience for many, it sadly was not to my wife and I. In my May 28, bulletin article from this year, I wrote about human trafficking and the numbers are unimaginable. Take time to go back and read it. Modern human slavery currently has more enslaved people than ever before in human history and the numbers are quite large in Africa, the Middle East and Asia but here in America, trafficking is a growing industry, especially in certain segments of our population where money and power flow freely. Here in Greenville, we have all forms of trafficking from labor to sex trade to the parents using their child for drugs or money. It is the horror no one wants to see or talk about, but some of us have to. The movie touches on one small part of the horror to hopefully open the eyes of good people to say "no more, God's children are not for sale" in one loud voice. Please pray for those who work on the front line of this battle against Satan and all his evil forces.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Matthew 18:6

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SCHOOL BACKPACKS STILL NEEDED

Please consider donating new school supplies and backpacks for the needy children in our neighborhood. *Church Without Walls* will be collecting these soon, so please bring them to the Parish Office.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
will be held in Lower Church on
Friday, August 4, from 11:00am-5:00pm.

Please note . . .

Beginning on Monday, August 7,
Parish and School Office Regular hours will resume.
Open Monday-Friday, from 9am-3pm.

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 19 July 30



Your baby is now kicking and stretching quite a bit. Some movements include isolated jaw movements, sucking, swallowing, yawning, and tongue movements. His taste buds are working.

School News



August 10 Back to School Night
4-7pm, in the Gym

August 14 First Day of Class
(2023-24 School Year)

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

God's love for those in need is clear at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the parishioners for their generous support of its ministries.

All are welcome to join St. Martha's Book Club on **Monday, Aug 7, from 12:30-2:00 pm** as we discuss **"Peace Like a River"** by Leif Enger. Call Marianne 360-2406 for location.

During the weekend of August 12/13, OLR will be visited by Sr. Stan Therese Mario Mumuni, foundress and superior of the Marian Sisters of Eucharistic Love in Yendi, Northern Ghana, West Africa. She will speak briefly after all of the weekend Masses, and at length during the education hour on Sunday, August 13, at 9:00 a.m. in Guadalupe Hall. The primary apostolate of Sr. Stan, and her order, is the operation of Nazareth Home for God's Children which provides care for orphaned and abandoned children. They currently provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of over 100 children. Rachel Ducker, one of OLR's parishioners, recently visited Ghana and volunteered at Sr. Stan's orphanage. Please plan to come and hear about Sr. Stan's vision of humility and love as she works to save the lives of the most vulnerable members of her community. An opportunity for donations to support her work will also be given.

FIRST THURSDAY ADORATION




Thursday, Aug. 3, 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 our Walking with Moms in Need program.

FIRST SATURDAY PRO-LIFE MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN AND PRO-LIFE WARRIORS

OLR's next First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors will be on **Saturday, August 5, at 9:30 am in the Upper Church.** Sidewalk Advocates, 40 Days for Life and OLR's Respect Life Committee will provide updates on pro-life issues and all are encouraged to join us in praying the rosary at the abortion clinic afterwards located at 1142 Grove Road. Please mark your monthly calendars. For more info, call 864-772-9020.





You are invited to join

Joseph Pearce,

internationally known author & speaker,
as he shares his wisdom on

**"The Evangelizing Power of
Beauty: Converting the Culture"**

August 16, 2023
7pm
Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
Fellowship Hall
2252 Woodruff Road-Simpsonville, SC

Free of charge though donations appreciated.
Books will be available for purchase and signing.
Baked goods will also be available for purchase.

Discover how
the beauty of
Catholic art and
culture can win
souls for Christ
and His Church.

More of Joseph Pearce's work can
be found at JPearce.co

Save the Date for HS Youth Group!

Are you an incoming freshman-senior student?
If so, mark your calendars for our kickoff meeting
Sunday, August 13, and our Youth Day Away at
Camp Awanita on Saturday, August 19.

For most young adults, the time in high school can be a "make or break" period in one's faith. The Youth Group at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish provides a place where you can ask the difficult questions: *what is my purpose? Who and what is God? Should I persevere in Catholicism? Is my faith really true?* These are the type of questions that every youth asks himself. A well-ordered youth group gives these serious questions the time and space they deserve, so that you can make the faith your own. The OLR Youth Group is a vital opportunity for young Catholics to deepen their understanding of the truths of the faith and grow into spiritual maturity. Not only does our youth group allow time for questions, its aim is to teach adolescents the practice of prayer.

Our goal is to pray on a deeper level, and to engage in the spirituality of the saints, from Francis De Sales to Therese of Lisieux. It is not a coincidence that spiritual giants like this had friends and relatives who were also saints. A further aim of our youth group is to surround yourself with friends who are seeking God together. With this in mind, we are inviting all incoming 9-12th graders to come and be part the OLR Youth Group.

We meet Sunday nights in the OLR cafeteria from 6-8 pm, with free time, dinner, and then a conversation and prayer. Our first meeting will be August 13. If you would like to be put on the email list for our group, please email me at David.haggard@olrschool.net.

Our Youth Day away is at Camp Awanita on Saturday August 19. The goal of this day is to meet people and cultivate friendships. The cost of the day away is \$45 and will include 2 meals. Checks can be dropped off in the parish office and or brought to the first YG meeting on August 13, and can be made out OLR with "Youth Day Away" on the Memo line. We have reserved 30 spots, and need to know by August 13.

Campus Clean Up Day

Please join us on **Saturday, August 12**, from 8am-12pm. Volunteers are reminded to wear clothes that can get dirty or stained, as there will be plenty of cleaning, organizing, gardening, possibly sodding, and painting. Some tools and supplies will be provided but volunteers are encouraged to also bring their own.

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.



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2023

Awanita Valley Christian Retreat

**YOUTH DAY
AWAY**

9 AM - 7 PM

Cost: \$45

Location: 600 Gap Creek Rd, Marietta, SC 29661 600 Gap Creek Rd,
Marietta, SC 29661

*The Day includes Sunday Vigil Mass: celebrant Father Longenecker

Checks need to be made out to OLR with Youth Day Away in Memo line
and can be turned into the Church or the School Office.

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