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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

June 18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

I once again have the pleasure of addressing our parishioners regarding the state of Our Lady of the Rosary School. Over the next month, I will contribute a series of letters detailing how things are going and what we expect for the future. Thank you in advance for celebrating our school with me and praying we may continue doing the Lord's work for the families we serve.

The 2022-2023 school year culminated in the graduation of six seniors, our second graduating class since the founding of the Upper School in 2019. All six will be headed to college next year with our congratulations!

Overall, we concluded this school year with 270 students, the largest enrollment in recent memory. While this number is impressive, I am more grateful that over 95% of our students come from Catholic families, the vast majority of whom devoutly practice their faith.

At the heart of our success has been the school's classical curriculum, now fully implemented at all grades K-12. Our parents and teachers are truly seeing the fruits of reading the Great Books, poetry recitation, memory work, Latin, and a daily devotion to truth, goodness, and beauty in all aspects of the academic program.

An increasingly diverse array of extracurricular activities means that there is indeed something for everybody, the only drawback being that now parents must decide which of the wonderful options they will actually be able to fit into the family schedule.

Finally, we end the school year in excellent shape financially both due to increased enrollment and the fundraising efforts that took the 1955 Annual Fund and School Gala to new heights.

My next letter will share some of our exciting plans for the 2023-2024 school year. Praise God for His blessings. The future is bright indeed!

Tommy Curtin Headmaster

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Parish Operating Financials Weekend Collections for June 11, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000. Received: \$ 17,186. Shortfall: \$ -1,814.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #50 in the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022

> Needed: \$ 950,000. Received: \$ 1,073,084. Surplus: \$ 123,084.

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. Sign-up RSVP link coming soon!

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, June 17, through Sunday, June 25 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 6/17	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, For Matthew Craft+
Sunday, 6/18	8:00 am - Mass, For James Cronican+ 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, 6/19 <i>Lower Church</i>	8:30 am - Mass, For Raymond & Margaret Sheboth+
Tuesday, 6/20 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, For South Carolina Supreme Court Justices
Wednesday, 6/21	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Betty Kercher</i> +
Thursday, 6/22 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, For Special Intention
Friday, 6/23 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, For John Protokowicz+
Saturday, 6/24	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, For Sr. Mary St. John of the Lamb of God, O.P.
Sunday, 6/25	8:00 am - Mass, For The People 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, For Joseph Cerciello, Jr.+ 5:00 pm - Mass

Save the Date!

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

"Whatever you do for your family, your children, your husband, your wife, you do for God. All we do, our prayers, our work, our suffering, is for Jesus."

Mother Teresa

I have often written about a very common condition for most people in poverty - that is a broken or fatherless home. This common thread, supported by popular culture and government rules and regulations, has destroyed what has been the traditional family unit and has deemed the father unimportant. Families receive things only the father can bring, the same as the family can only receive certain things from our mothers. St. Paul wrote "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25).

The father's "power" in a family is one of service to the family, up to and including giving up himself. His servant leadership is supported (sub-mission) by his wife. If our society remembers the importance of fathers, by our example, there will be an awakening in this country to stronger families, and the poverty problem will be improved.

Happy Father's Day!

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach cloewer@charlestondiocese.org

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 the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest."

The OLR Conference of SVdP has many volunteers who are always willing to help those in need. We thank those who are currently serving and always welcome new volunteers. God Bless You!

During the summer months, the Thursday Daily Mass at 10:00 am will be held in LOWER CHURCH.

On August 17, when school resumes, the Thursday Mass will again be held in Upper Church.

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.

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Please Note!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

PARISH Office - 9am - 1pm Monday-Friday

SCHOOL Office - 9am - 2pm Monday-Friday

(Open until 3pm during Summer Camps)

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

Legislative Pro-Life Action:

SC SUPREME COURT

REVIEW OF THE FETAL HEARTBEAT BILL, 9:30 am – TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH – WATCH LIVE

The Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act (S.474) was stopped from taking effect pending review by the South Carolina Supreme Court. That review will take place on Tuesday, June 27th at 9:30 am. The current SC Supreme Court is comprised of Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty and Justice John Cannon Few who ruled against the previous Heartbeat Bill (along with Justice Kaye Hearn (now retired). This leaves newly appointed Justice D. Garrison Hill (who replaced Hearn) as well as Justices John W. Kittredge and George C. James, Jr. (the two justices who supported the previous Heartbeat Bill).

This is an open case so communication will be between the competing parties and the court. However, we can "storm heaven" with our prayers and Mass intentions and watch the proceedings "live" online at www.sccourts.org and find the drop-down arrow next to the top title, "Supreme Court". When it drops, click "Video Portal", then click "Supreme Court SCETV Live Stream Page. Please pray for all SC justices to do God's will to protect the unborn!

Thank you from OLR's Respect Life Committee.

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 13, June 18



Your baby's face has all the human characteristics. His sex can now be seen via ultrasound. Although your baby is moving and stretching, you may not yet feel him.

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!

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church's next First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors will be on Saturday, July 1st, at 9:30 am in the Upper Church. Sidewalk Advocates, 40 Days for Life and OLR's Respect Life Committee could update everyone on Pro-Life matters and all are encouraged to join us in praying the rosary at the abortion clinic afterwards at 1142 Grove Road. Please mark your monthly calendars and

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.

note the time change of 9:30 am. For more info,

please call 864-772-9020. Thank you!

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.

A member of OLR's Respect Life Committee helped a mom in Greenville who had taken the first abortion pill and changed her mind. A dentist with APR training was able to prescribe the oral medicine that saved that baby's life and that child, who will be one this June, is now a joy to his mom. We need doctors or dentists that will get the training and be available for a phone call, at sometimes odd hours, to assist a mom in saving her baby. For more info, call Sara at 614-885-7577, Ext. 236 or email her at medical@heartbeatinternational.org.

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.