



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

September 3, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our society, which emphasizes kindness and gentleness we often forget an aspect of our faith which is summed up in the phrase, "the Church Militant." Christians today are inclined to turn away from old fashioned hymns like "Onward Christian Soldiers", "Fight the Good Fight" or "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, You Soldiers of the Cross".

We find it difficult to align a religion of forgiveness and tolerance with a religion that encounters enemies, expects conflict and marches confidently to war. We're especially reluctant to endorse a militant version of Christianity when an extreme version of Islam is active complete with terrorists, suicide bombers, beheadings and brutality beyond belief. Are we to step up with a Christian version of the same thing?

Sometimes we encounter crowds of angry Christian extremists who march in public protest with hateful and bigoted posters. If that is what it means to be part of the Church Militant, then no thanks!

On the other hand, one only has to read the Bible and the lives of the saints to see that warfare and conflict are part of the deal. Jesus himself says, "I did not come to bring peace but a sword!" and St Paul says, "Put on the whole armor of God. For we do not fight against princes and powers of this world, but against the spiritual forces of wickedness."

This next month in my pastor's letters I will be focusing on spiritual warfare. What does it mean to "fight the good fight"? How do we engage in the battle against evil without becoming evil ourselves? Who is the enemy and how to we equip ourselves to take part in the battle?

The first thing to remember is that the devil is real. He "prowls about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour." All of us must first be aware of the enemy and then learn how to train ourselves to engage in the battle in a way that is faithful to Christ and his gospel.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for August 27, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
 Received: \$ 19,252.
 Surplus: \$ 252.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections
 Through Week #9 in the Fiscal Year
 Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 171,000.
 Received: \$ 179,937.
 Surplus: \$ 8,937.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Albozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, 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, Bridget Gracon, 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, Justin Timbers, 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, September 2, through Sunday, September 10

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 9/2	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Marta Comas</i>
Sunday, 9/3	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Merle Menegay+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Departed Souls in Purgatory</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 9/4 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass
Tuesday, 9/5 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Adam Trapasso+</i>
Wednesday, 9/6	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Brigid Whiteside Becker+</i>
Thursday, 9/7 (School)	10:00am - Mass, <i>For James Pawlicki+</i>
Friday, 9/8 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Sr. Ruth Marian, O.P.</i>
Saturday, 9/9	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Al Natale+</i>
Sunday, 9/10	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For John Bolchoz+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

OLR Capital Campaign

Please consider making a donation to help raise \$350,000. to purchase the 5.2 acre plot of land adjacent to our campus.

There are a number of ways you can do this; with a one time gift, or binding pledge, or stock donation.

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

The Diocesan Second Collection for the weekend of September 3, will be for The Catholic University of America.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will not meet on Sep. 3, due to the Labor Day Holiday. Our next meeting will be on September 10, from 6-8pm.



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Only one secret: The closer we come to Jesus, the better we will know his thirst” **Mother Teresa**

“I thirst” were some of the last words of Christ from the cross. Yes, a physical thirst after His journey to Calvary but more importantly, His thirst for souls.

The work we do at MTH, in our parish and our school draws us closer to Christ. If you see our people and students in action, you can feel and see it. We want to help bring more souls to Him through our actions and prayers. We share in His thirst.

At MTH, we deal with many people with little or no faith or lip service faith. We need to be light to them, even when they don't want it. May we all draw closer to Him, know His thirst and draw more souls to Him through our actions and prayers.

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The LifeWise newsletter is published six times a year by Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, and is an

excellent resource for our seniors. There is a calendar of events happening in our local area, along with current and important health information to help our seniors live longer and more productive lives.

These will periodically be available in the Narthex. If you are unable to get to church, email Victoria Norris at gvnorris@outlook.com for a copy.

PRAYER SERVICE: Saturday, Sept. 9, following 5 pm Mass
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF ABORTED CHILDREN

Please join us at Our Lady of the Rosary's Pro-Life (outdoor) Memorial Chapel on Saturday, Sept. 9, following the 5 pm Mass. (Rain location: Upper Church)

We will say the Divine Mercy Chaplet & petitions for forgiveness and blessing. Thank you! --OLR's Respect Life Committee

Spiritual Adoption
WEEK 24 September 3



"Blink-startle" responses to vibration and acoustics can be observed in your baby. He apparently hears some sounds in utero. Baby is also continuing to grow, move, and stretch.

School News



Sep. 4 Labor Day, NO School

Additional information such as [uniform policy](#) and [print-friendly yearly calendar](#) can be found on the Parents Tab of the [school website](#).

PTO Events & Information can be found on the [PTO page](#) of the website

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

In August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by providing food to 244 families and \$2,000 in financial assistance for utilities and rent for 6 families. Thank You!

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish and School Offices will be closed on **Monday, September 4**, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.



FIRST THURSDAY ADORATION

Thursday, Sep. 7, 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.

St. Martha's Book Club invites you to join our discussions.

Tuesday, Sept 5 - My Antonia by Willa Cather
Monday, Oct 2 - A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

Call Marianne 360-2406 for location.

Shroud of Turin

Join us for a dynamic presentation of artifacts and artwork connected with the Shroud of Turin. **Thursday, Sep. 7**, at 7:00pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Taylors.

The speaker is Dr. Cheryl H. White, PhD, a professor of history at Louisiana State University at Shreveport. **This free event is co-hosted by Christ On Main and Prince of Peace.** Walk-ins welcome. RSVP encouraged. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP

We'll have a free-will offering to collect donations for Dr. White.



Providing comfort and assistance to Moms in Need. Call or email for an appointment. 864-412-7101 or wwmin@proton.me
[YOU COUNT and we are here to help!](#)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Catechesis registration for K4-5th grade is now open. Please submit your [registration](#) form to the parish office by **Tuesday, September 5**.

If you are interested in teaching Sunday Morning Catechesis, please contact JohnMark Cayer asap at jcayer@charlestdioocese.org.

We are in special need of catechists for our K4-K5 class, our 2nd grade class, and our 3-5th class.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation registration is now open. Please submit [registration](#) forms to the parish office by **January 8**.

FAMILY HONOR PROGRAM

The Family Honor Program for our confirmands will meet on September 27, October 4, and October 11.

Please register [HERE](#).

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Maybe you or someone you know might be curious to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Or you might be looking to deepen your relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

For anyone who is interested in full sacramental communion with the Catholic Church, the **RCIA program** at Our Lady of the Rosary offers the opportunity to learn more. Our adult initiation program helps adults interested in becoming Catholic to decide whether they want to be received into the Catholic Church, and prepares them to be received if they are ready.

For more information, please contact JohnMark Cayer, Director of Faith Formation jcayer@charlestdioocese.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

Marian Eucharistic Conference



Featured Speakers



Rev. Don Calloway, MIC



Very Rev. Thomas Petri, OP



Rev. John Bartunek, LC



Jim Wahlberg



John Martignoni

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. For more information, go to

<http://www.meconferencesc.net>

Help us to support the Bishops' Initiative on marriage!

Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier.

Have faith that your marriage can be strong. Gain the tools of a great marriage on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov 10-12, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Jan 26-28, 2024 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

Please see the OLR websites at
[olr.church](#) and [olr.school](#) for all the
most recent news and announcements.