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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, Lower 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 2, 2024

Corpus Christi Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The cycle of the liturgical year is so full of symbolism and multiple levels of meaning! After the climax of the Paschal mysteries, we move to the celebration of Our Lord's Ascension, then the coming of the Holy Spirit and the realization of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. This Sunday the continued, triumphant presence of the Lord in the world is celebrated with the Feast of Corpus Christi—the Body of Christ.

Obviously, we are celebrating and thanking God for the Real Presence of Christ's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharistic host, but the Eucharistic presence of Christ is the focus of Christ's greater presence in the world through the Church. This is why the Church is also called The Body of Christ.

How is the Church—the Body of Christ present in the world? It is present in three ways. First is what we call "the invisible Church" this is the communion of all those who are baptized and have faith in Christ. The Catholic Church teaches that all who are baptized and have faith in Christ are in a real, although partial communion. This means non-Catholic Christians really are our brothers and sisters in the Lord even though at times (as in all families) we disagree or even become uncharitable towards one another. This communion—real although incomplete—is a truth we need to recognize and affirm—seeking always to be charitable to non-Catholic Christians while seeking to encourage them to come into full communion through our witness of words and works.

Secondly, the Body of Christ the Church is seen in the "Visible Church". If one wants to find the fullest, most historically, doctrinally and spiritually complete expression of the Body of Christ it is found in the Catholic Church. The catechism says that the "invisible church" subsists in the Catholic Church. While the whole Body of Christ is larger than the Catholic Church it is not smaller than the Catholic Church.

It is this full communion of the Body of Christ that so many at Our Lady of the Rosary have been called to. Both Father Ballard and I and Deacons Bob and Jerry are converts. Likewise, many of our parish and school staff and faculty and so many of our parishioners. As we came into the fullness of the faith in the Catholic Church, we did not repudiate our former allegiances. Instead, we added that partial expression of the faith to become full members of Christ's One, Holy and Apostolic Church.

Thirdly the Body of Christ is present in each of us who are united in this fullness of the faith, and this unity is affirmed in the one communion of the Body of Christ that we consecrate, celebrate, and consume at each Holy Mass.

Your Pastor, Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for week ending May 26, 2024

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 19,845.
Deficit:	\$ 2,155.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #48 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed:	\$ 1,056,000.
Received:	\$ 1,130,240.
Surplus:	\$ 74,240.

Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$1,127,903. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal remaining) 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made:	\$ 563,645.
Pledge Payments Received:	\$ 395,553.
Needed:	\$ 564,258.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, 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, Ma'May Grimm, 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, Emily Stiffler, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Justin Timbers, Cheryl Wallace, Carolyn Watson, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR Saturday, June 1, through Sunday, June 9 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics) All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 6/1	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Clifford Ray Leonard</i> +
Sunday, 6/2 Corpus Christi Eucharistic Pro- cession after the 10:30am Mass	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For OLR School Faculty & Staff</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm -Mass, <i>For Mariann Klink</i> +
Monday, 6/3 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, For Sylvia Arnette+
Tuesday, 6/4 <i>Lower Church</i>	12:00 pm - Mass, For Joan Marie Fanelli+
Wednesday, 6/5	 7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:30 pm - Benediction 6:00 pm - Daily Mass For Al & Ruth Caspary+
Thursday, 6/6 <i>Lower Church</i>	10:00 am - Daily Mass For Frances Ann Howard+
Friday, 6/7 <i>Lower Church</i>	10:00 am - Daily Mass, For Sr. Marie of the Incarnation, OP
Saturday, 6/8	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Ted & Marge Conroy</i>
Sunday, 6/9	8:00 am - Mass, For Josephine & Murray Howard, Jr.+ 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, For Essington Family 5:00 pm - Mass, For The People

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will meet this Sunday, June 2, for the last time this school year. Save the date for these upcoming events:

July 21 - Senior Sendoff Bonfire: Bonfire at the Millegan Family property for a huge game of capture the flag, a bonfire, and the rosary. Dinner will be provided. This will be the last official meeting that the seniors will have with us, and will allow us to say goodbye before they head out into the world.



August 25 - Annual YG Day AWAY, complete with Sunday Mass at Look-up Lodge.

September 6-9 - Junior/Senior Pilgrimage St. Augustine Florida to the La Leche Shrine, and in commemoration of the first Thanksgiving Mass in America.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Each one of us is a co-worker of Christ - we must labor hard to carry Him to the hearts where He has not yet been known and loved... But, unless we have Jesus, we cannot give Him; that is why we need the Eucharist.

Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power."

Mother Teresa

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach cloewer@charlestondiocese.org

Next weekend, June 8-9, at all Masses, our deacons will share their experiences to promote further vocations to the diaconate.

> Parish Office - SUMMER HOURS Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm Beginning on Monday, June 3

Benjamin Phillips, OLR Organist and Choirmaster, will present an organ concert on Tuesday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Church. The program includes works by Bach, Brunckhorst, Guilmant, Richter, and Widor. This concert is free and open to the public.



On Sunday June 9, after the 8am and 10:30 Masses there will be an introductory training session for new altar servers. Boys who have made their first Holy Communion and are rising third graders or above are welcome. Girls of the same age are welcome to join the girls' choir and should speak with Mr. Phillips in the choir loft for more information.



Starting June 5, OLR will be ING DANCE hosting weekly swing dance classes and dances on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the school gym. No prior experience is necessary and regular attendance is optional. This is

a fun event for high schoolers, college students, young adults, adults, parents, grandparents, and friends. Please join us as we make our thriving community a bit more beautiful. imcayer@charlestondiocese.org

SCHOOL NEWS

August 12 First Day of School NOON Dismissal



School Office Summer Hours 9am-1pm Monday - Thursday, and by appointment

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished, and starving.

The food pantry is in need of volunteers. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help distribute food on Saturday mornings to help those in need.

St. Martha's Book Club invites you to join our discussions in the Cafeteria, 12:30-2:00 pm.

Monday, June 3 - "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith



Call Marianne at (864) 360-2406 for information.

Recently baptized was **Joseph Mannix Peacock** son of



Benjamin & Brittany Peacock

We welcome Joseph as a new member of the OLR family.

Daily Mass Schedule Change

Starting on Thursday, June 6, our Daily Mass will be celebrated in Lower Church at 10:00am.

When school resumes in August, the Daily School Mass will be held in Upper Church on Fridays at 10:00am.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on Friday, June 7, from 11:00am-5:00pm.

FIRST THURSDAY PRO-LIFE ADORATION

June 6, 6-7pm in 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!



Spiritual Adoption WEEK 9: June 2



Your baby's chin is now visible in pictures. His lungs have lobes and many branched bronchioles, your baby is breathing and will begin having hiccups. He has been alive for a full eight weeks and is growing at an astounding rate.

RESPECT LIFE LEGISLATIVE WINS! THANK YOU!

<u> V Passed & Ready for Governor's Signature</u> -

Age Verification Act (H3424). This bill would protect minors from the harms of pornographic content by requiring porn sites to prove that those viewing their content are not minors.

<u> V Passed & Ready for Governor's Signature</u> -

Help, Not Harm Bill (H4624). This bill would protect children from harmful gender reassignment surgeries, hormonal treatments and other experimental treatments that can leave them permanently scarred for life. Contact your SC Senator (the bill has passed the SC House).

South Carolina's Catholic Conference: Can provide you with weekly email updates on legislation in Columbia. To sign up, go to: https://sccatholicconference.org/ Scroll down to Action Center and hit "click here" button. Then join the Catholic Advocacy Network! You'll get updates and electronic letters to send to your legislators. *-Respect Life Committee*

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a beautiful ministry praying for our parish priests. We are looking for women to make a weekly prayer commitment for Fathers Longenecker and Ballard.

This ministry involves one woman praying one holy hour on her assigned or predetermined day of the week, every week for a one-year commitment. It can be done at home or in any nearby Catholic Church, and does not need to be in an adoration chapel.

Please go to <u>https://sevensistersapostolate.org/</u> for more information; brochures about the Apostolate are also available in the narthex. If you are interested, please contact Jeanine Maillet, <u>j9rnmorris@yahoo.com</u>. We are especially grateful for the **3 lives saved in Greenville** that we know of. *We can truly say that*



prayer and fasting is the answer. A big thank you to all who participated for your sacrifice and dedication.

Abortions continue to be performed daily at the Greenville Women's Clinic. If you are able, select a day and time that works for you and continue with us for 40 Days 365 at the abortion facility. We are there from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Please sign up on the 40 Days for Life 365 Calendar at <u>www.40daysforlife.com/greenville</u>. We need sidewalk advocates and prayer warriors there daily, beyond the 40 Days Campaigns. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. For more information, please call Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-329-0044.

Sidewalk Counseling Training:

Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy Masterson at 864-506-0964, or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

DIVINE MERCY

"I demand from you works of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me."

These words of Jesus are from *The Diary of Saint Faustina*. By "you," Jesus meant you and me—all of us. "You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it." (*Diary* 742)



Jesus doesn't recommend or suggest this. He demands it. "Even the strongest faith is of no avail without works," He asserts.

"I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy towards your neighbor: *the first* by deed, *the second* by word, *the third* by prayer." (742)

Acts of mercy do not have to be grandiose to have merit before God. <u>The corporal works of mercy</u> and <u>the spiritual works of mercy</u> describe actions that range from the momentous (burying the dead) to the almost imperceptible (bearing wrongs patiently). Are you ill? While you rest and recover, pray for someone. Do you sense that a work colleague is worried? Offer a listening ear and, perhaps, some practical help. Are your children squabbling over the same-old, same-old? Hold your temper.

Make it a practice each morning to ask God to send you opportunities to be merciful out of love for Him. No kindness or mercy, whether as small as a \$5 gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, or as large as forgiving someone who has done you a significant injustice, is ever wasted in the universal economy of God's Kingdom.

Scripture, too, commands us: "Be merciful, as Your Heavenly Father is merciful." (*Luke* 6:36)

Please see the OLR websites at <u>olr.church</u> and <u>olr.school</u> for all the most recent news and announcements. Donna Craft, Director of Communications, dcraft@charlestondiocese.org