



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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## School Office Hours

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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

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## 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

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*You may have heard talk about "Rosary College" and wondered what is going on. Rosary College is a new lay-led initiative in the Upstate. It is a two-year Catholic institution leading to an associate degree in Catholic Studies. I've asked OLR parishioner, Dr. Michael Shick, to introduce the college through the pastor's letter.*

*Fr. Longenecker*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Rosary College! On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to tell you about our new lay-led two-year college. Beginning this fall, 2024, we will offer an associate degree in integrated humanities deeply rooted in the rich traditions of the Catholic faith.

In support of Father Longenecker's vision and along with other founding members, such as Professor Joseph Pearce and Dr. R. Jared Staudt, I am thrilled to say we are committed to providing an education that cultivates wisdom, nurtures faith, and prepares students to lead with integrity. Our curriculum spans a broad spectrum of the humanities, including literature, philosophy, theology, science, mathematics, and the arts, designed to inspire students to think critically in the pursuit of objective truth.

We are dedicated to offering an authentic, rigorous, and affordable education—from high school juniors and seniors to college-age learners and adult students. Whether seeking for-credit courses or the opportunity to audit, our college is a place for those who desire to deepen their understanding of the classical and Christian intellectual tradition.

Further, I am pleased to say that we have established agreements with Thomas More College of Liberal Arts and Ave Maria University, allowing for a seamless transfer of credits and ensuring that our students have opportunities to continue their education and spiritual formation.

We invite you to explore what Rosary College offers by visiting our website ([www.rosary.college](http://www.rosary.college)), attending informational events, or contacting our admissions office ([admissions@rosary.college](mailto:admissions@rosary.college)). Your involvement and support are essential as we work to enrich our students' intellectual and spiritual lives.

As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." With that, we look forward to welcoming our inaugural class and laying the foundations for a legacy of faith-based academic excellence based on the foundation of truth, beauty, and goodness, and in alignment with the Magisterium of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

In Christ,  
Mike

## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for week ending Apr. 28, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.  
 Received: \$ 19,105.  
 Deficit: \$ 2,895.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #44 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 968,000 .  
 Received: \$ 1,030,289.  
 Surplus: \$ 62,289.

## Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$1,148,410. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal remaining) 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 610,805.  
 Pledge Payments Received: \$ 435,318.  
 Needed: \$ 537,605.

## 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, May 4, through Sunday, May 12**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

**All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.**

Saturday, 5/4	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Nick White</i>
Sunday, 5/5	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Lawrence Rand+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Clare Malena</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 5/6 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Janice Crawford Bozard+</i>
Tuesday, 5/7 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For William Mullaney+</i>
Wednesday, 5/8	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:30 pm - Benediction 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Susan, OP</i>
Thursday, 5/9	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Mary Pearl Hutson</i>
Friday, 5/10 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Saturday, 5/11	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Lila Fatima Toca</i>
Sunday, 5/12	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The Essington Family</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i>

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular Youth Group meeting on Sunday, May 5, 6-8pm.



### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Everything depends on how we love each other."*

**Mother Teresa**

In today's readings, the theme is love. First, God's love is for all, without exception, no matter your personal situation. All are included. Second, in that love, we know God and without that love, we do not know Him. We must live His love in our lives in both word and deed, especially in those times when we think no one is watching. Those who do not know Him listen and see our deeds, they listen and see His love. Finally, to remain in His love, we must follow His commandments, not just the easy ones but the hard ones as well.

In the work we do at MTH, we deal with many people. Many who use faith as a tool to get what they want. Many who have faith, but have given up hope. Many who feel no love and feel on the outside of humanity. God's love is for all of them, no matter what they have done or how far they have strayed from Him. Pray that our love as a community, for each other in both words and deeds, bring many of them back to His love and following His commandments.

*Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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## School News



- May 10-12** OLR Family Camp Out at Lake Hartwell
- May 16** Spring Choral Concert, K4-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, 6pm  
*Thursday* Upper Church
- May 20** Rehearsal for First Communion, 7pm  
*Monday* Upper Church
- May 23** School Mass, K4-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, 10am  
*Thursday* Upper Church
- May 24** Graduation Mass, 10am  
*Friday* Upper School Students and Families
- May 25** First Communion, 10am, Upper Church  
*Saturday* Photos at 9am, Reception following - G. Hall
- May 27** Memorial Day—NO School  
*Monday*
- May 29** Confirmation, 7pm, Upper Church  
*Wednesday*
- May 31** Last Day of School—NOON Dismissal  
*Friday*

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Please pray for those who need our help each week. With your prayers and gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.

## 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, and we have an immediate opening for someone to pray for Father Ballard on Tuesdays.

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 <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/> for more information; brochures about the Apostolate are also available in the narthex.

If you are interested, please contact Jeanine Maillet, [j9nmorris@yahoo.com](mailto:j9nmorris@yahoo.com).



St. Martha's Book Club will be meeting on **Monday, May 6**, at 12:00pm discuss "Virgil Wander" by Leif Enger. We will be meeting at a private home. Call Marianne for more info at (864) 360-2406.

Recently baptized was  
**Elias Ignatius Bellino**

son of  
John and Brianna Bellino.



*We welcome Elias as a  
new member of the OLR family.*

## RESPECT LIFE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

· **Support the 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.

· **Support the 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. Thanks!  
--Respect Life Committee

The Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life, ended March 24, 2024, with much good fruit produced.



On an international level,

Record for a campaign – 6 abortion facilities confirmed closed – total since 2007 (154)  
505 babies saved - total since 2007 (24,768)  
4 more workers quit – total since 2007 (260)  
5 sets of twins were saved

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 [www.40daysforlife.com/greenville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/greenville). 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.

### Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 5: May 5



Your baby's eyes begin to develop. Baby's cardiovascular system has formed and his heart begins to pump. Your Baby has been alive and an individual now for four whole weeks, and he is growing at an amazing pace.

We have a great selection of OLR Summer Camps for students aged rising 3rd-12th grades.



The signup genius [HERE](#) has all the camps listed.

Please send questions to [david.haggard@olrschool.net](mailto:david.haggard@olrschool.net) or individual camp director for specific questions about each camp (see link for info)!

### Sidewalk Counseling Training:

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

### Spiritual Adoption Campaign



Please join us in praying for the defenseless souls of these children by going to the display box in the Narthex, filling out your unborn adoption slip and taking your prayer card.

One day, the Lord will tell us how many children we saved from the culture of death and the gifts they brought to a needy world.

Thank you! --Respect Life Committee

## PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Fr. Longenecker has been invited to be the spiritual leader for a short pilgrimage to **Our Lady of Guadalupe, June 28 - July 1**. This pilgrimage includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Private Masses and a visit to Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children—the ministry established by Venerable Aloysius Schwartz. This dynamic ministry among the poor is an exciting, authentic fruit of an amazing American missionary priest who is on the road to sainthood. If you would like to learn more about joining Father Longenecker on this pilgrimage contact Susan Driscoll: [sdriscoll@worldvillages.org](mailto:sdriscoll@worldvillages.org). Susan organizes regular pilgrimages for world villages in Mexico. If you would like to go, but can't join this pilgrimage, there is another one in September.

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

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