



# 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

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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, Lower Church

Friday, 10:00 am, Upper Church

## **DAILY CONFESSIONS**

*Lower Church*

Wednesday, 4:15-5:15 pm

Or by appointment

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*Lower Church*

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Upper Church

Wednesday, 7:15am-5:15pm

Thursday, 7-8 pm

October 13, 2024

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The wisdom of St. Benedict is an important inspiration for our parish life together. Over the last several weeks I wrote a series of Pastor's Letters about the three Benedictine vows of Obedience, Stability and Conversion of Life. The way these three vows are lived out is important because without a practical plan the vows remain just a good idea or a positive intention.

When one reads St. Benedict's Rule it does not come across as a masterpiece of Western spirituality. Instead, it reads as what it is: a practical rule for the monastic life in sixth century Italy. However, locked within those pages are some more general principles for a healthy spiritual life. These principles spring from Benedict's simple understanding of human psychology and relationships. He knows what is needed for a happy and healthy spiritual life, and if our spiritual lives are in tune, then the rest of our lives will fall into place. Remember the Bible verse, "Seek first the kingdom of God and everything else will be added to you."

St. Benedict taught that the monastery was "a school for the Lord's service". In other words, it was a training academy for saints, and what Benedict said of the monastery can also be said of our school, our parish and our homes. They are the boot camp for saints.

The three Benedictine vows are put into action in the monastery with what I call the three "tools". The three vows are Obedience, Stability and Conversion of Life. The three tools are Prayer, Work and Study. Notice how the three vows apply to the three aspects of our being: Obedience - the Body. Stability - the Mind. Conversion of Life - the Spirit. Likewise, the three tools connect with the three parts of our being: Prayer - Spirit. Study - Mind. Work - Body.

The three vows and the three tools interface with one another like three strands in a rope are intertwined. Obedience leads to Stability which leads to Conversion of Life. Prayer and Study nurture the mind and heart, and they inspire and motivate our work, and all six working together lead us to an integrated, balanced and healthy life.

It is important for our own well being and the health of our parish, families and school that we learn these six principles and actively put them into practice. The implications of this are enormous. Here's why:

St. Benedict established about twelve small monasteries in his lifetime, simple communities of men living, praying and working together, but his wisdom became the foundation for the great monastic movement that produced the greatest civilization the world has seen: Christendom. European civilization—and by extension the Americas—has been the most advanced and humane accomplishment of mankind. St. Benedict is rightly named the Patron of Europe.

For the renewal of our church and world we need to pay attention to his way and his wisdom.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Oct. 6, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 26,673.

Surplus: \$ 4,673.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #15 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 330,000.

Received: \$ 362,363.

Surplus: \$ 32,363.

## Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd.

\$ 227,923. Diocesan Loan

(total interest & principal remaining)

2023-2028: 5-year term.

## 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, John Knope, 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, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday, October 12, through Sunday, October 20**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 10/12	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Pattie Hackney+</i>
Sunday, 10/13	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Rigmaiden Family</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Robert P. Reilly+</i>
Monday, 10/14 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For William David Bozard, III</i>
Tuesday, 10/15 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - <b>No Mass or Communion Service</b>
Wednesday, 10/16	7:15 am - 5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration (Lower Church) 4:15 - 5:15 pm - <b>NO Confessions</b> 5:15 pm - Benediction (Lower Church) 6:00 pm - <b>NO Mass or Communion Service</b>
Thursday, 10/17 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - <b>NO Mass or Communion Service</b>
Friday, 10/18	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Kelly Bricco</i>
Saturday, 10/19	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Robert Mazur+</i>
Sunday, 10/20	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Frank Walker+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Caterina Maria, OP</i>

## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

Due to the Columbus Day Holiday  
we will NOT meet on Sunday, October 13.

### **MOTHER TERESA HOUSE**

*“Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.”*  
**Mother Teresa**

In the work we do at Mother Teresa House it is important to always remember to help one person at a time - which is the person we are talking to. When Mother Teresa House was founded, its mission was set up as a referral resource for those in the area around our church. When I came on board over five years ago, we expanded our outreach to those struggling with homelessness, and working more with the extended community of providers, which has increased our relationships for more resources.

We are currently receiving around 500 phone calls a month. The requests range from financial assistance to housing assistance, to medical assistance, to help with getting in treatment programs, etc. The needs have overwhelmed the local resources and continue to increase in volume due to inflation and the numbers of new people coming to Greenville with little or no support. Continue to pray for us and for those we serve, as I continue to pray in gratitude for your prayers and generosity.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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## SCHOOL NEWS



Oct. 14 NO School, Columbus Day

*Please check text messages for updates.*

School and Parish Offices  
will be CLOSED  
on Monday, October 14,  
for the Columbus Day Holiday.

**Sunday Morning Adult Catechesis  
and Faith Formation for Children  
will be canceled this Sunday, October 13.**

Please remember that the School and Parish offices are still without internet and phones, so communication is limited.

The Parish Office temporary hours are 9am-12pm Monday-Friday until further notice.

### **RCIA**

Our next meeting will be on  
Wednesday, October 16,  
at 7pm in the Upper School  
Classroom, discussing  
“Mary, the Mother of God”.



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

Contact JohnMark Cayer,  
[jcayer@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:jcayer@charlestandioocese.org).

Two secure and trustworthy ways to make donations to help those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Helene:

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charlotte, NC [HERE](#)

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charleston, SC [HERE](#)

## Spiritual Adoption WEEK 28: October 13



Baby now weighs about 2 1/2 pounds and is a tad over 15 inches long from head to heel. His muscles and lungs are continuing to mature, and his head is growing bigger to accommodate his brain, which is busy developing billions of neurons. With this rapid growth, it is no surprise that your baby's nutritional needs reach their peak during this trimester.

## Candlelight Vigil

**The 40 Days for Life Candlelight Vigil** with the multilingual rosary and singing led by Greg Grimm will be held on **Sunday, October 13**, at 7pm in the parking lot of Christ the King Church (formerly Grove Road Baptist Church) at 1123 Grove Road, Greenville. Parking is on the premises.

You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local **40 Days for Life** effort **Sep. 25 - Nov. 3**. The overturn of Roe and the S.C. Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Fetal Heartbeat Bill are signs of great hope for the end of abortion. However, abortions are still performed before a heartbeat is detected, for rape and incest, and fetal anomalies. We must continue to pray and draw attention to this human tragedy until life is protected from conception to natural death.



40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign to end abortion. This prayer campaign is initiated and organized at the grassroots level in communities throughout the nation and abroad. Prayer, fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach are key components. There are two campaigns each year, one in the spring and the other in the fall. God tells us to deliver the helpless from destruction: "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter" (Prov. 24:11). The National Organization requires that those participating in a campaign sign a promise to conduct themselves in a peaceful, respectful manner.

The backbone of the whole pro-life ministry is prayer. No Crisis Pregnancy Center, Sidewalk Ministry, Post Abortion Ministry, or Maternity Home can exist without our prayers. Many believe the Holy Spirit is using this movement to end abortion and at the same time bring people of many faiths together. Will you join us in praying outside the Greenville abortion facility during the 40 Days for Life campaign?

Be the **ONE** to make this a priority in your life and join us. Please visit [www.40daysforlife.com/greenville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/greenville) to sign up on the vigil calendar or contact Judy Masterson 864-506-0964 or Ingrid Ireland 864-329-0044. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

**Rosaries for Life:** Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, for the conversion of our society, and for an end to other assaults on human Life. Turn in your counts at your local parish or email your count each week to [familylife@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:familylife@charlestdiocese.org).

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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