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> All services are held in UPPER CHURCH unless otherwise noted.

#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 5:00p, Anticipated Saturday, 8:00p, Neocatechumenal Way Mass, Lower Church Sunday 8:00a, 10:30a, 5:00p

## WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30p Sunday, 9:00 - 10:00a

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#### **DAILY MASS**

Monday, 8:30a, Lower Church Tuesday, 12:00p, Lower Church Wednesday, 6:00p Thursday, 10:00a, Lower Church Friday, 10:00a Lower Church

#### **DAILY CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday, 4:15 - 5:15p, *Lower Church*Or by appointment

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday, 11a - 5p Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church* Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church* 

## Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

3710 Augusta Rd. † Greenville, SC 29605

June 15, 2025

The Most Holy Trinity

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Every year when Trinity Sunday rolls around preachers are reminded that it is almost impossible to preach about the Holy Trinity without lapsing into heresy. This is because the Doctrine of the Trinity is so nuanced and complex, and in efforts to explain the Trinity using examples and illustrations, we invariably make minor mistakes and foster misunderstandings.

I prefer, therefore to rely on a favorite definition about "mystery"—and that is "a mystery is something that can be experienced even if it cannot be explained." So, for example, love is a mystery. How would you explain "love" to an alien from outer space? Would you say, "It is a sweet, warm feeling inside" and they would say, "You mean like when you drink hot chocolate?" Or you might reply, "No, No, that's not it. Love is a close bond with another person." and they might say, "You mean like superglue?" You get my point. Love, like every mystery is something that can be experienced even though it cannot be explained, and the more you try to explain it, the more confused you are likely to get!

Likewise with the Trinity. We experience the Trinity all around us. The whole world is structured on the Trinity. Elements have three forms: solid, gas and liquid. Music has three basic components: melody, harmony and rhythm. There are three primary colors that combine to form a vast array of colors. The examples from the world around us can be multiplied by using our powers of observation and imagination.

The Trinity we experience most simply and profoundly is the trinity of our body, mind and spirit. Like the three persons of the Holy Trinity our body, mind and spirit are distinct and yet not distinct. Body is one with Spirit and Mind. Mind is one with Body and Spirit. Spirit is one with Body and Mind.

We are healthy and whole as we experience balance and unity in Body, Mind and Spirit. We are out of balance, wounded and disordered when sin disrupts the unity and balance that God desires to build within us.

The life of faith is a life that is ordered in our Body, Mind and Spirit in an intimate, sacramental union with God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is why the invocation of the Holy Trinity is woven into the liturgy of the church. We begin in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and end with the Trinitarian blessing. The liturgy is structured in three parts: Opening, Ministry of the Word, and Ministry of the Eucharist. We echo the Holy Trinity in the Kyrie, the Sanctus, the Agnus Dei, and the Creed itself follows a Trinitarian structure.

Therefore, if the Trinity is "a mystery that can be experienced even if it cannot be explained" then the primary way we enter into that experience is by opening our minds and hearts to the deep truths embedded in the liturgy. If the Trinity seems remote and confusing why not set aside the quest to explain, and enter instead the quest to experience?

Your pastor, Fr. Longenecker

## **Pastoral Staff**

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## **Parish Operating Financials**

Collection for the week ending June 8, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000. Received: \$ 22,199. Surplus: \$ 199.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #50 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024.

Needed: \$ 1,100,000. Received: \$ 1,407,215. Surplus: \$ 307,215.

## **MOTHER TERESA HOUSE**

"If you deny the Trinity you will lose your soul. If you try to understand the Trinity, you will lose your mind."

St. Augustine

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. We often talk of marriage as representation of the Trinity when the man and woman become one and love come from and binding them together. All comparisons and understanding ultimately always falls way short as God is incomprehensible for us.

Every week at Mother Teresa House is full of answering many similar questions but also helping many unique and difficult situations. We get calls for all types of financial assistance from utilities, rent, hotels, auto repair, plane tickets, bus tickets, moving their mobile home to a different state ... if you can think of a financial request, we get it. We get calls from people facing homelessness and people who are homeless. Each and every one of these requests comes from people who have made poor choices, whether through their actions or lack of knowledge. Each one is Jesus in front of us and we most reflect that Divine love towards them. We find the best places for them to find the services they need. Sometimes, it is just an ear to listen. My constant prayer is for each of them to find Him who is truly the only way out of life's troubles. It doesn't mean they don't have to work their problems but it does mean His love, the Love of the Holy Trinity, strengthens them for that journey.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach cloewer@charlestondiocese.org

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day.

Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

As you pray for those we serve and give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you will share the good news of God's love and care for them

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Bill Burgess, 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, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Stacy Isenbarger, 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, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

Please join us for a **Corpus Christi Procession** immediately following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, June 22.



The school and Parish Offices will be closed June 30 - July 4 and will reopen on Monday, July 7.

Please note . . . Gym will be closed for repainting and repairs, June 20 - July 4

> Father's Day Sunday, June 15

Join us for coffee and donuts immediately following the 10:30am Mass, in the Courtyard.

> Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of June 15, will be for the Seminary Collection.

OLR's Walking with Moms in Need program assists Moms in Need, especially those with unexpected pregnancies. We offer *free support* and are here to walk with you and your baby as you peacefully prepare for his or her arrival. Book your confidential interview with us today via wwmin@proton.me or phone 864-791-5080. Please allow our advisors to provide you and your baby with the support you need. We look forward to meeting you!

## **Learn more about Natural Family Planning** with the Creighton Model System.

Introductory Sessions will be presented by OLR parishioner and Family Nurse Practitioner, Meghan Pillow, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, on Saturday mornings after the Pro-life Masses at 10:15am in the GH Classroom on July 12, and August 2. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Jun 30 - Jul 4 School Offices Closed

Aug 11 Back to School Night, 3:00-6:00pm

Aug 13 First Day of School, NOON Dismissal

## THE BIBLE COMES ALIVE! PILGRIMAGE TO THE **HOLY LAND**

with Fr. Dwight Longenecker and Kenny Burchard

April 19-30, 2026

Go HERE for reservation details.



Join St. Martha's Book Club on Monday, **June 16**, from 12:30-2:00pm as we discuss "A Song for Nagasaki" by Paul Flynn. We will be meeting at a private residence. Call 360-2406 for more info.

> Parish Office - SUMMER HOURS Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm June 2 - August 8

Recently baptized was

**Daniel Hunter Sifrit** 

son of

Roger & Morgan Sifrit



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

## **Summer Mass Schedule**

June 2 - August 8

The Friday Daily Mass at 10:00am will be held in Lower Church.

Wednesday Mass at 7:15am is paused and will resume on August 13.

JUNE		
14 Saturday	15 Sunday The Most Holy Trinity	16 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC For Marilyn Steen+ 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC For Kristen Antley+ 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC For The People 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC For Brett & Melissa Lane+	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Communion Service, LC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
17 Tuesday	18 Wednesday	19 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 12:00p Daily Mass, LC For Anthony Jackson+ 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, GH	8:00a-5p Adoration, LC  11:00a Tom Calamia Funeral, UC  4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC  5:15p Benediction, LC  6:00p Mass, UC For Sr. Mary Michael, OP  6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC  10:00a <b>Daily Mass</b> , LC For Brooke Renee Bozard Baldowski+  10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC  7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
20 Friday	21 Saturday	22 Sunday Corpus Christi
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a <b>Daily Mass</b> , LC For Karl Arthur Hutson+ 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC	7:00-9:00a NO Men's Basketball, Gym 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC For Jay & Rachel Hutson 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH  8:00a Mass, UC For Betty Kercher+  9:00a Choir Practice, UC  9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC  10:00a Rosary, UC  10:30a Mass, UC For James Cronican+ Corpus Christi Procession  4:30p Rosary, UC  5:00p Mass, UC For The People

Please see the OLR websites at <a href="mailto:olr.church">olr.church</a> and <a href="mailto:olr.church">olr.school</a> for all the most recent news and announcements.

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