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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

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 8, 2025

Eighth Sunday of Easter Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have examined almost all the theories that deny the Resurrection of the Lord.

There are a few others which are even more far-fetched than the ones we have already considered: some New Age followers say Jesus was a "special spirit person" who only appeared to have a physical body, and it was that appearance of a body that died on the cross, while Jesus himself really continued to live. The "appearance of a body" seemed pretty real to Jesus and everyone who watched him being tortured! This idea doesn't stand up to any serious thought.

Some say the disciples went to the wrong tomb, found it empty and concluded that Jesus had risen from the dead. Were they really that stupid? Even if they made such a mistake, why would they jump to the conclusion that Jesus had risen from the dead? They were as surprised by his Resurrection as everyone else. Resurrection was not a solution they would have come up with. If they had gone to the wrong tomb, wouldn't they just have said, "Whoops, wrong tomb. Where did they bury him anyway?"

Even if the disciples had been first of all so stupid, and secondly so imaginative, surely the others would have corrected them. Had Jesus been in another tomb all His enemies would have produced the body and pointed out the disciples' foolish mistake.

Then we have the group hallucination theory. It goes like this: "Jesus died and was buried, but His disciples all wanted Him to still be alive, so they all had a hallucination that they saw Him." So, five hundred people hallucinated the same hallucination over a forty day period at different times and places and all the hallucinations matched up? And we should believe in such a thing as mass hallucinations anyway? Is there any evidence that such things ever occur? Not that I know of.

Furthermore, these are very detailed hallucinations. The hallucination talks to them, invites them to put their finger in his wounds, eats and drinks, conducts a Bible study and has extended conversations with them? I don't think so.

In fact, all the theories denying the Resurrection are more difficult to believe than the simple, supernatural fact that Jesus of Nazareth, who died on the cross rose again, and this fact of history changes human history--and if we allow--this amazing event changes my life and yours.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Your pastor, Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending June 1, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000
Received:	\$ 30,145
Surplus:	\$ 8,145

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #48 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024.

Needed:	\$ 1,078,000.
Received:	\$ 1,385,016.
Surplus:	\$ 307,016.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

Holy Spirit Prayer of Saint Augustine

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach cloewer@charlestondiocese.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

Respect Life Ministry



All current events and news will now be published at the OLR website <u>HERE</u>.

Please feel free to contact Deacon Bob Connor with any questions, <u>bconnor@charlestondiocese.org</u>.

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.

Young Catholic Professionals Greenville

We are establishing a new chapter to connect faith-driven young adults in the workplace. The founding vision centers on building a community where Catholic professionals can integrate their faith and careers through networking, mentorship, and spiritual growth opportunities.

Join us for an informational evening on Wednesday, June 11, at 7:00pm to learn about this exciting initiative, meet fellow professionals, and discover how you can be part of this transformative community from the ground up. Go HERE for all the details.

Seven Sisters is a beautiful apostolate at OLR whose goal is to cover Fathers Longenecker and Ballard with one Holy Hour of prayer every day of the week. We are in urgent need of new members to commit to pray on one specific day each week.

If you believe in the real power of prayer and desire to bless our good shepherds who work so hard to faithfully serve Our Lord and care for us, please email or call Pat Wilder at patwilder@verizon.net, 703-638-5099, or Alice Baird at alicebaird@gmail.com, 864-884-3283, for additional information.

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!



USED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE Saturday, June 14 10am-12pm in the Gym

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 14 Used Uniform Sale, 10:00am, Gym
- 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

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Recently baptized was

Grant Kevin Johnson

son of



Timothy & Nicole Johnson

We welcome Grant 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		
7 Saturday	8 Sunday Pentecost	9 Monday
 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gy 9:30a Pro-Life Mass, UC 10:30a-12:00p Natural Family Plan GH Classroom 10:00a-2:00p Neocatechumenal Peroson Confessions, UC 4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC For Sally & Joseph Morel 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, 	8:00aMass, UC For The People9:00aChoir Practice, UC9:00-10:00aConfessions, UC10:00aRosary, UC10:30aMass, UC For Katie O'Brien Vogg+4:30pRosary, UC5:00pMass, UC For Sr. Ann of the Cross, OP	 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Mass, LC For Murray & Josephine Howard+ 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
10 Tuesday	11 Wednesday	12 Thursday
 7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 12:00p Daily Mass, LC For Fr. Keith O'Hare 12:45p Divine Mercy Chapled 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, Cafete 	6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a Daily Mass, LC For Anthony Williams+ 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
13 Friday	14 Saturday	15 Sunday Most Holy Trinity
 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a Daily Mass, LC For Lucy Beatrice Hutson 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet 	4:30p Choir Practice, GH	7:30aChoir Practice, GH8:00aMass, UC For Kristen Antley+9:00aChoir Practice, UC9:00-10:00aConfessions, UC10:00aRosary, UC10:30aMass, UC For The People4:30pRosary, UC5:00pMass, UC For Brett & Melissa Lane+

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