

STEP INTO THE LION'S DEN ... *a look back*



Annual
REPORT 2025-2026

Annual
FUND CAMPAIGN 2026-2027





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From Our Principal

Dear valued Holy Trinity Catholic School families and supporters:

*I*t is with great honor that I write to express my deepest gratitude for your prayers and support during our 17th academic year.

God has certainly blessed us with many opportunities, and this report offers a brief look back at the **2025-2026** year—a time of remarkable growth and community.

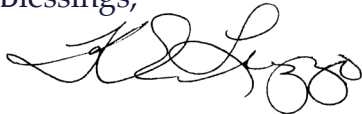
More importantly, it serves as a tribute to you. Without your unwavering support, the ministry of Holy Trinity Catholic School simply would not survive.

As we look toward the 2026-2027 school year, our mission remains clear: to provide superior academics in a safe, nurturing environment. We are focused on expanding our preschool program while beginning the exciting work of preparing our students for their eventual transition to high school through our new Middle School expansion. Every lesson taught and every goal achieved is filtered through the lens of our Catholic faith.

A cornerstone of our mission is accessibility. We are committed to ensuring that every family can secure a Catholic education for their children, whether through the **Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF)** or through other available discounts and scholarships. Your contributions to this year's Annual Fund campaign are what make these opportunities—and our continued growth—possible.

Thank you to everyone who makes the ministry of Holy Trinity Catholic School a reality. I pray that God blesses you as richly as you have blessed us. We keep you in our daily prayers and humbly ask that you continue to pray for our students and faculty.

Blessings,



Karen E. Luzzo, B.A., M.S.
Principal



Did You Know?

Mrs. Luzzo has been with Holy Trinity since it opened in 2009. She has taught 1st through 8th grades at HTCS, with a focus on Language Arts and Religion. The 2025-2026 academic year marks her tenth year as Principal.





2025-2026

Holy Trinity Catholic School

**73
Students**



8:1
Average
Student to
Teacher Ratio



A wide variety of
field trips, clubs,
workshops, and
sports offerings
for all students in
grades K3-5

Several community service and
outreach projects



**71% OF
STUDENTS**



are of Catholic Faith

About **HTCS**



Our Mission

Holy Trinity Catholic School, a ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, offers to all students of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds a superior academic program based on Gospel values. Within a family atmosphere, the school strives to develop the spiritual, academic, personal, creative, and physical growth of each student.

Our Vision

Holy Trinity Catholic School students will be fully prepared to transition to middle school possessing critical thinking skills, an ability to work independently as well as collaboratively, and an awareness of what it means to actively live the Gospel values.





Honorary Alumni

In the Spring of 2020, Holy Trinity underwent a restructuring, going from a K3-8th grade school to a K3 to 5th grade school. Due to this restructuring, the following students were unable to officially graduate from HTCS, but they are considered members of our alumni group just the same.

Valeria Aviles
Rylin Atkins
Sophia Bologna
Marianne Carpenter
Giavanna Dingess
Joshua Fleischner
Addison Hill
Lillian Holman
Rigo Lomeli
Maria Luna
Angela Maggio
Gwyn McCarney
Addison Parnell
Cody Phillips
Kaelynn Proctor
Margaret Ramsey
Joe Sabella
Alina Salas-Tinoco
Evagelia Stathos
Sean Utter

Our Alumni



*O*ur alumni are a cherished and vital part of the Holy Trinity Catholic School family. Once students complete their final year of study at Holy Trinity, they remain forever connected to our community as members of our alumni group.

From those who walked our halls in our earliest years to our most recent classes, we are incredibly proud of all our alumni as they continue to pursue their dreams and live out the values they learned in the Lion's Den. Whether in high school, college, or their professional careers, they carry the light of HTCS with them.

Once a Lion, always a Lion!

8th Grade Class of 2016

Brendan Cordero
Brianna DiCesare
Jaylon Holman
Skylah Mooney

8th Grade Class of 2017

Alexandra Gonzalez
Nicholas Gambino
Taylor Harrison
Cody Waters

8th Grade Class of 2018

Gavin Cartwright
Connor Caugh
Burgess Gurganus
William Hines

Grace Lomeli
Caleb Manness
Carson Phillips

8th Grade Class of 2019

Emelly Gonzalez-Tinoco
Bryan Monnell
Holt Schutt
Emily Swanda

8th Grade Class of 2020

Sydney Parnell
Grace Ramsey
Jack Harrison
Nico Goheen
Mary Alex Hines
Ante Govorcin



5th Grade Class of 2021

Liam Blake
Kingston Brin
Parker Caugh
Bryce Dasmerces
Kaitlyn Jones
Lucy Lomeli
Kelvin Nguyen

5th Grade Class of 2022

Joseph Curti
Chloe DiNonno
Sarah Kate Laptewicz
Mauricio Luna
Lucy Ramsey
Jayson Salas-Tinoco
Diviana Santana
Cheyenne Schutt
Paxton Shell
Jaxon Sturm

5th Grade Class of 2023

Sophia Battaglioli
Rowan Blake
Ryvrr Daniels
Raelyn DelConte
Jonathan Endrizzi
Savannah Fox
Scarlett Murphy
Kathryn (Kate) O'Boyle
Cody Owen
Hannah Speedling

5th Grade Class of 2024

Jace Childers
Santino DiFlavia
Antonella Dingess
Kendall Fifield
Mia Gonzalez-Tinoco
Alexis Hess
Lena Heter
Aynslee Konopka
Angelina Morrison

Ameilia Rand
Allison Reilly
Lyam Salas-Tinoco
Kenneth Sanchez-Aleman
Raegan Shell
Amber Youker

5th Grade Class of 2025

Eliana Gesker
Olivia Gesker
Benjamin Laptewicz
Samuel Murphy
Madeline Reilly
Stella Schwaderer
Robert Sherlinski

5th Grade Class of 2026

Kevin Fifield
Tucker Holland
Jamey Horvath
Natalie Nelson
Spencer Perry
Arianna Zacharopoulos

14th Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, February 21, 2026

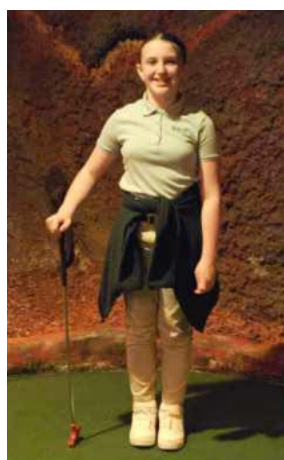
Long Bay Golf Club | 350 FoxTail Drive | Longs



Thanks to our amazing PTO, and our supportive golfers and sponsors, our annual golf tournament was a huge success!



The PTO even sponsored our very first Mini Masters Monday for our students!





HONORING OUR PROMISES, EXPANDING OUR FUTURE: The Return of Middle School

At Holy Trinity Catholic School, our community is our compass. For years, parents and students alike have shared a collective dream: to extend the academic excellence, deep-rooted faith formation, and loving family environment of Holy Trinity beyond the elementary school years.

We listened, we planned, and today, we are overjoyed to share a historic milestone. In direct response to the requests and dedication of our school families, Holy Trinity is officially bringing back our Middle School program, beginning with the launch of our brand-new 6th-grade class in the 2027–2028 academic year!

A Three-Year Vision for Growth

The launch of the 6th grade marks the exciting first phase of a strategic, three-year expansion plan. Year by year, we will grow our program to offer a complete, premier 6th-through-8th-grade middle school experience.

This expansion ensures that our students no longer have to transition away during some of their most formative developmental years. Instead, they can navigate the complexities of early adolescence right here—surrounded by familiar faces, guided by Gospel values, and challenged by a rigorous academic curriculum.

WHAT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPANSION MEANS FOR OUR STUDENTS:

Academic Continuity: A seamless transition into advanced middle school coursework, specifically

designed to prepare students for the highest levels of high school success.

Faith-Led Leadership: Dedicated opportunities for older students to become spiritual leaders and role models on our campus through specialized service projects and peer ministry.

A Safe Harbor for Growth: A supportive environment where students are known by name, valued for their unique gifts, and encouraged to grow in wisdom and grace.

Your Impact: Building the Foundation

Bringing a middle school vision to life requires more than just opening classroom doors; it requires a deep investment in our infrastructure. Contributions to this year's Annual Fund will directly support the vital foundational work needed over the next year, including securing advanced middle school curricula, upgrading laboratory and technology resources, and recruiting elite secondary educators.

By supporting the Annual Fund, you are directly answering the prayers of our families and helping us build a physical and academic home where our students can grow from joyful children into confident, faith-filled young leaders.

Thank you for listening to the needs of our community and partnering with us to build the future of Holy Trinity Catholic School!

Trinity LEGACY CIRCLE

The Trinity Legacy Circle remembers and honors those who have died but who live on through their generous bequests to Holy Trinity Catholic School.

MRS. FLORENCE DONLAN
CHARTER MEMBER
Established 2016

MR. CHARLES (PHIL)
JOHNSTON
Established 2017

MRS. REGINA SHARPE
Established 2019

MRS. VICTORIA P. HUEY
Established 2021



Thank you to all those who support our Giving Tree each summer, as well as those who give online and to the second collections designated for Holy Trinity Catholic School.

Honor Roll of Donors

Holy Trinity Catholic School honors the generosity of those who support Catholic education and the mission of our school. This Annual Report lists all donations from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of all contributions.

Please contact the school office at (843) 390-4108 should you note an omission or error.

TRINITY CIRCLE
(Gifts of \$25,000 and above)

VISIONARY CIRCLE
(Gifts of \$15,000 - \$24,999)

BENEFACTOR CIRCLE
(Gifts of \$5,000 - \$14,999)
Laurence & Denise Oliphant III
Terry & Suellen Youmans

PATRON CIRCLE
(Gifts of \$2,500 - \$4,999)

SUPPORTER CIRCLE
(Gifts of \$500 - \$2,499)

Charles Donina
Alton Elezi
Kathleen Kolasky
OLSS Columbiettes

FRIEND CIRCLE
(Gifts of \$250 - \$499)
Donald & Susan Gerber

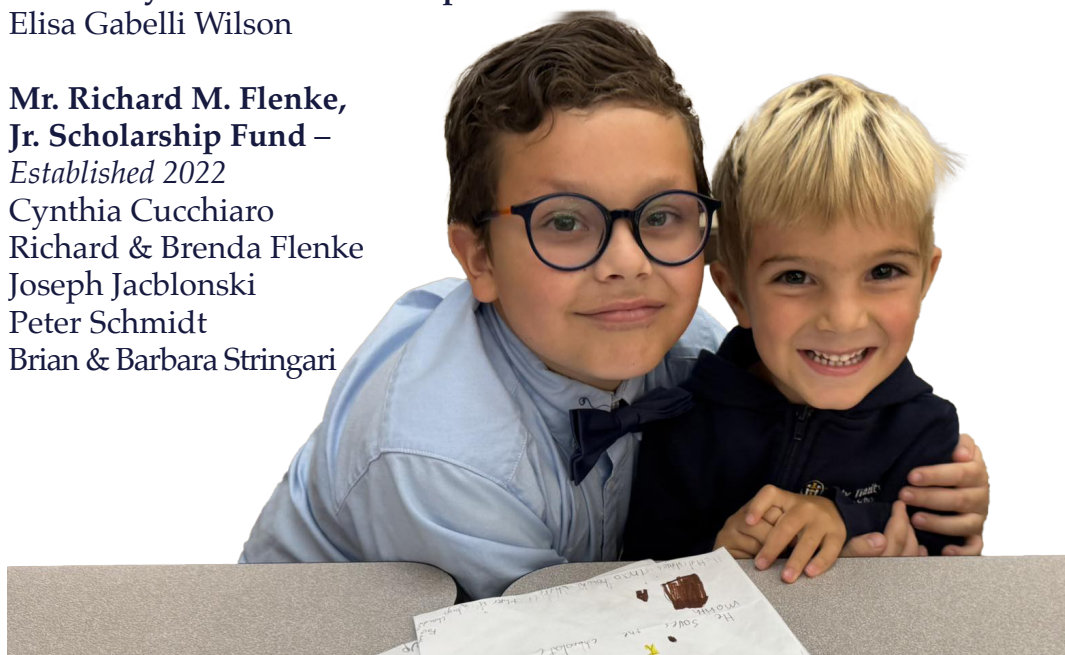
BLUE & GOLD CIRCLE
(Gifts up to \$249)
Martha Little
Robert Lyncheski
Anthony & Ceferina Meli
Jacqueline Rangel

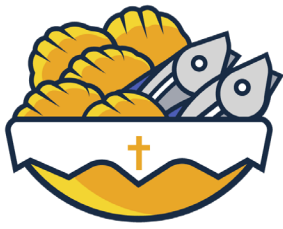
SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship funds are established to provide tuition assistance for students in need. This is a wonderful opportunity to remember loved ones with a lasting gift that directly benefits students at Holy Trinity.

Mrs. Mary Gabelli Scholarship Fund – Established 2018
Elisa Gabelli Wilson

Mr. Richard M. Flenke, Jr. Scholarship Fund – Established 2022
Cynthia Cucchiaro
Richard & Brenda Flenke
Joseph Jacblonski
Peter Schmidt
Brian & Barbara Stringari





#iGIVECATHOLIC

#IGIVECATHOLIC ANNUAL GIVING DAY

For the fifth year, Holy Trinity has participated in this annual Giving day in November. Below is a list of those who donated to this event.



Amanda Adkins
Heather Alford
Marie Anderson
Jennifer Anthony
Margaret Baird
Aly Blair
Cristina Carman
Greg & Kerrie Cornell
Chris Curran
Charles Dascoli
Megan DiOrio
Lan Do
Kim & Kevin Flenke
Richard & Brenda Flenke Sr
Michael Francioso
Theodore Hanes
Beth Hedrick
Kristel Henderson
Gabrielle Hilburn
Erica Hines
Erick Hugo
Donna Kosloff
Renee LeBeau
Martha Little
Jeannie Lowman
Juanita Luna

Karen & James Luzzo
Annemarie Maguire
Sabrina Mann
Marina Mason
Joseph & Victoria McCambley
Doug McCloskey
Lyndsay McShane
Nicole Nealey
Courtney & Timothy Osko
Robert & Sheila Osko
Annette Paul
Jorge Prieto
Ana Prieto
Sarah & Timothy Pintauro
Roland Recker
Deborah Reece
Margaret Sanford
Amanda Shell
Marisa Slawiak
Kendra Trexler
Michael Varron
Prudentia Ventures
Ashley Ward
Killian Whealton
Christine Young

Get Involved

Ways to Be Involved in the School Community During the 26–27 School Year

October 1-30:

Baby Bottles For Life to support Grand Strand Citizens For Life

October 30:

Trunk Or Treat So People Can Eat to benefit Our Lady's Pantry

November 2-16:

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

November 11: 1:30 PM

Veterans Day Show

December 17: 6 PM

Winter Concert

January 31: 10 AM

Catholic Schools Week Mass, Open House, Pancake Breakfast

February 10:

Cereal Box Collection To benefit Our Lady's Pantry (Runs Through 3/10)

February 17, March 3, March 17:

Stations of the Cross after 9 AM school Masses

March 17: 10 AM

Cereal Box Domino Drop

February 27:

Annual PTO sponsored Golf Tournament

March 12-13:

Spring Musical Show

May 17-21:

Booster Fundraiser

Look for details in the weekly bulletins and on our school website



HOLY TRINITY 2026-2027 ANNUAL FUND APPEAL

The Annual Fund campaign begins with the publishing of this report. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission of providing a faith-filled, superior education to our students. Donations may be made between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

CHECK OR CASH

- **By Mail:** Send to Ms. Sheila Durante, Marketing & Development Coordinator, at the school office: 1100 8th Avenue N., North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582.
- **At Mass:** Place your check in an envelope marked "HTCS Annual Fund" in the collection basket.
- **In Person:** Drop off your contribution at the school or church office.

Note: Please make all checks payable to HTCS and indicate "26-27 Annual Fund" on the memo line.

IRA "GIFT FOR GOOD"

If you are 70 ½ years of age or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 of IRA assets directly to Holy Trinity without the money being included in your taxable income. For married couples, each spouse has this option, allowing for a combined gift of up to \$200,000.

- **Tax Advantage:** A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) while keeping your adjusted gross income lower.
- **Legacy:** This preserves the full amount for our ministry and ensures your heirs are not burdened by potential taxes on those assets.

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL

Every dollar is important! Combined, our community can make a monumental impact on a child's future. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

DONATING STOCK & MUTUAL FUNDS

Stock donations provide a significant impact while often offering tax benefits to the donor. To ensure your gift is processed correctly, please follow these steps:

1. Provide Notice: Notify Mrs. Kathryn Dannelly at the Diocese of Charleston:

- **Phone:** (803) 540-1920
- **Email:** kdannelly@catholic-doc.org
- **Address:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3512 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

2. Required Information: We must have the Name of Stock, Donor Name & Address, and the Number of Shares (whole numbers only).

3. Broker Instructions: Your broker should transfer securities using the following:

DTC #: 2108 | Comerica Bank Code: 40 For Further Credit To: 1055077038 Account Name: Catholic Community Foundation of South Carolina FBO: Holy Trinity Catholic School 26-27 Annual Fund

- **For Mutual Funds:** Contact Mrs. Helena Williams at Comerica Bank for specific instructions: (313) 222-9873.

Note: If you hold physical stock certificates or use Computershare, please contact Kathryn Dannelly for additional instructions.

LEGACY & SPECIAL FUNDS

Bequests & Estate Planning: Remembering Holy Trinity Catholic School in your estate planning ensures quality Catholic education remains available for generations to come. When making a bequest, please designate your gift to the Richard M. Flenke, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

Richard M. Flenke, Jr. Scholarship Fund:

Established in 2022, remembering Deacon Richard's son, this fund provides direct tuition assistance for students in need. A gift to this fund is a beautiful way to impact a student's life immediately.

**For assistance, contact Ms. Sheila Durante,
Marketing & Development Coordinator, at (843) 390-4108.**



Ready to join the pack?

A Quality Catholic Education
Where Faith, Family, and
Academic Excellence Come
Together

- 🐾 Full-day licensed preschool program
- 🐾 Excellent academic program K-5
- 🐾 Afterschool Care
- 🐾 Clubs & Sports
- 🐾 Balanced learning - technology and tradition
- 🐾 Student Choir
- 🐾 Art, PE, STREAM, Exploratories, Spanish, Music, Character Development

Don't forget to roar!

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