

Palm Sunday

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	1,058,202.37
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 3-29-09	26,131.53
St. Vincent de Paul	5,671.00
Parish Debt (as of 3-1-09)	153,888.57

"Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"

Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,911,075.35

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ — emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Providence: Mary Kahaly

Richland: Janette Gleaton, Albert Elias

The Palms on the Altar this weekend are in loving memory of Frances "Frankie" Knuckley Naccash and are given by her children, Rose Mary & Edward Naccash.

OUR LENTEN BURDEN BOX

A locked wooden box will, once again, be placed at the St. Joseph Altar, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Please write down your personal burdens, concerns, habits, prayers and/or petitions that you would like to offer to God during the Lenten Season and place them in the box. All of these will be kept strictly confidential. (No one will have access to the contents of the box.) On Holy Saturday night we will use the "burdens" to fuel our Easter fire.

SAINTS SOCCER CAMP

The SAINTS Soccer Camp will be held the week of June 15 - 19 at Woodland Park on Olde Knight Parkway (behind the VA Hospital). Sessions are from 9:00 AM to Noon. The camp is open to boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of age (campers will be separated by age and ability) and will be directed by Saint Joseph Athletic Director, Todd Wilkinson. Applications are available at the church and school offices. The fee is \$65 which includes a camp T-shirt. Please pre-register by Monday, June 1, 2009. For further information, please contact Todd Wilkinson at 540-1908.

The application is also available online at www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth_athletics.html

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the families of **Lenna Parker, William Foiles** and **Richard Gabbey**. May their souls rest in peace.

SCHOOL NEWS



This week is a special one for us as we recall Jesus' Passion. As we take part in a school-wide Retreat Day on Wednesday, April 8, we will remember all of our special intentions, including you, our parish family. This special day takes the children through different rooms of the school as they walk the journey of the Easter Triduum.

On Thursday, the school will close at noon and it will remain closed until we return from Easter Break on April 20. May God Bless You!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

We will be having a special "movie night" this Sunday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Please gather in the Lobby of the Rowland Education Building.

We will not have youth group next Sunday, April 12 so that we may celebrate Easter with our families.

NURSERY NEWS

The Nursery will be **Closed** on Easter Sunday, April 12.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous as you have been in the past. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. Thank you for your continued support.

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

St. Joseph Women's Society **Day Guild** and **Evening Guild** will meet together on Sunday, April 19 after the 12:15 PM Mass in Kamler Hall (school cafeteria.) **Austin Hughes** will be our guest speaker for "**Everything you need to know about stem cells.**" Call Teresa Chmura at 540-1904 for more information.

All ladies are welcome and invited to attend.

The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
at noon on Holy Thursday, April 9
and will re-open at
8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 14
In Observance of the
TRIDUUM & EASTER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be NO Religious Education classes this week or the next. Classes resume on Wednesday, April 22.

Parents, last week the children were given a Bible verse to memorize this month: "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" from the Beatitudes (Mt 5:8.) Please have the children work on this over the Easter break.

Parents of Religious Education students preparing to receive their First Holy Communion are reminded that the booklet "The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist" is due on April 22 when the children return to CCD.

PARISH DINNERS

There will be NO parish dinner this week or the next. Dinners resume on Wednesday, April 22.

"On the road to the Cross, it's only the first few yards that hurt."

St. John Vianney (1786-1859AD) on the Cross and Crosses

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

We will offer this session for all high school youth on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM in the school library. This program will help youth look for warning signs to prevent sexual abuse. All high school youth are encouraged to attend. If parents of high school youth *do not* wish their child to attend, there are opt-out forms available. These are available at the front desk of the parish office or may be obtained from John Waters. Our make-up class will be April 22 from 6:15 PM-7:15 PM. For more information, please call 254-7646 ext. 23.

DANCE CLASSES

Sal and Janice DiMaria will offer their Spring Dance Classes on Friday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in Kamler Hall (school cafeteria) on April 17 and in the Parish Hall/Gym on April 24, May 1 & 8. Come and learn basic steps to dance or brush up on your dancing. It is **Fun, Free,** and **No Partner is needed.** Dance is a good way to exercise!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The next **St. Gianna Respect Life Guild Meeting** will be held at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 6th in the St. Francis de Sales House. Please visit the local events page of www.stgiannaguild.org for the meeting agenda and a listing of other local and regional pro-life events.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for Easter Sunday's (April 12) bulletin is Monday, April 6 at 4:30 PM. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 5

8:15 AM Mrs. Olga Buonauro +
10:30 AM Mr. Patrick Dilley +
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph
5:30 PM Mr. Bert Sandifer +

Monday, April 6

7:30 AM Mr. Matthew Thomas +
5:30 PM Mrs. Lorraine Warner +

Tuesday, April 7

7:30 AM No Mass
11:00 AM Chrism Mass - Charleston
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
5:30 PM No Mass

Wednesday, April 8

7:30 AM Mrs. Helen Lynch +

Holy Thursday, April 9

7:00 PM Bishop & Priests of Diocese of Charleston

Good Friday, April 10

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross &
Divine Mercy Novena
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord

Holy Saturday, April 11

9:45 AM Morning Prayer &
Blessing of the Easter Food
8:00 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph & Neophytes

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:15 AM Mr. Rueben H. Leichtle +
8:30 AM Mrs. Gertrude Wymelenberg +
10:30 AM Sonja & Julia Piasecki (I)
12:15 PM Mr. William Foiles +
5:30 PM No Mass



BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

The custom of blessing food for Easter came from the discipline of fasting throughout Lent and the special Easter fast during the Triduum. Easter was the first day that meat, eggs, and other foods could again be eaten. Although not an obligation, the special fast during the Triduum may still be observed as well as the tradition of blessing food for the first meal of Easter. Fr. Harris will offer Morning Prayer and bless Easter food on Holy Saturday morning at 9:45 AM in the Church.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Diocese of Charleston and the Oratory are sponsoring a discernment retreat April 23 to 26 at the Oratory in Rock Hill. The retreat will allow participants to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Men and women ages 18 to 55 are eligible. For more information and applications, please call the Vocations Office at (843) 402-9115 ext. 22.

SAVE THE DATE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"Crocodile Dock"

July 6-11

Adult Volunteers - Call Lisa
787-2564



HELP NEEDED

St. Joseph Hospitality Committee is in need of volunteers to help with upcoming receptions after following Masses:

April 11- Easter Vigil

April 21- Celebrate Volunteers Mass

May 9 - First Communion (both Masses)

May 21 - Confirmation

If you would like to offer your service for all or any of the receptions, please contact Gayle Michaelis at 315-6808 (cell), 647-9319 (home), or Dancer4Snow@sc.rr.com

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SHOP IS STILL OPEN

They have not closed nor moved and are located at 655 St. Andrews Rd. See them for your Easter, First Communion and Confirmation needs! They also carry inspirational Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduation gifts. For directions, hours, or to place an order, please call us at 561-9733.

THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Christ wants mankind to know about his mercy before he returns to judge the world. The first Sunday after Easter has been designated as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the world. The beginning of the **Divine Mercy Novena** will be on Good Friday following Stations of the Cross (12 noon.) On each of the nine days, the Novena asks prayers for a different group of souls in order to immerse them in the sea of His Mercy. This devotion, unlike others, **requires the practice of Mercy - extended to one's neighbors daily by word, by work and by prayer** as a second foundation. To receive the grace of this Novena one must go to confession within two weeks of Divine Mercy Sunday and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy devotion will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 19.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

Mr. Philip Gillespie

Mount St. Mary's Seminary

16300 Old Emmitsburg Road

Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-7797

EASTER DINNER FOR THE NEEDY

Once again St. Peter's Church is preparing a **Banquet For All Those In Need** (and there will be many) on Easter Sunday, April 12 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Cardinal Bernadin Center, 1529 Assembly Street.

If you would like to help you may donate: dyed eggs, Easter candy, homemade desserts (especially cup cakes), 1 gallon zip-lock bags, deodorants, razors, bars of soap, wash cloths, toothpaste & toothbrushes. Also, Easter baskets to give to children from the shelters are needed. *Of course, donations of time are always most welcome!* For further information, please contact Robert Keeder at 796-9802 or e-mail rkeeder0518@aol.com

MARIAN CONFERENCE

The 2009 Greenville Marian Conference, "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist," sponsored by the Medjugorje/Marian Information Center, Inc., will be held June 26 to June 27 at the Peace Center for the Performing Arts in Greenville, SC. Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F. R., Mother Assumpta Long, O.P., and Marcus Grodi (EWTN, the Journey Home) are among the distinguished speakers. For additional information and ticket registration, please access the web site www.greenvillemarianconference.org or call Carleen Mather at 864-255-5646. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$20 for youths/students.

NEWMAN CLUB

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Catholic students at USC will be leading a Living Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, April 7 beginning at 5:30 PM. Please plan to arrive at the back steps of the State House prior to 5:30 PM. Please contact Zach at zach@stthomasmoreusc.org

VOCATIONS VIEW

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord. Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? (Mark 11:1-10)

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

MASS & RECEPTION

On Tuesday, April 21, there will be a Mass followed by a reception to express appreciation and gratitude to all those parishioners who so unselfishly volunteer their time, energy, and talents to our Church. All Volunteers, are invited and encouraged to attend.

MASS: 6:00 PM

RECEPTION: In the gym, immediately following Mass.

NO 5:30 PM MASS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 6 ~ Monday of Holy Week

Mass: 7:30 AM

Reconciliation immediately following 7:30 AM Mass

Mass: 5:30 PM

April 7 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week

no Masses or Exposition at St. Joseph

Chrism Mass: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (Charleston): 11:00 AM

Annual Seder Meal in Hall/Gym: 6:30 PM

(reservations required ~ doors open at 6:00 PM)

April 8 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass: 7:30 AM

Reconciliation immediately following 7:30 AM Mass & 5:00 - 6:00 PM

April 9 ~ Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration at the Altar of Repose (Hall/Gym) until 10:00 PM

April 10 ~ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

day of fast and abstinence

Stations of the Cross followed by beginning of Divine Mercy Novena: 12:00 noon

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord: 3:00 PM

April 11 ~ Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer & Blessing of the Easter Food: 9:45 AM

no 5:30 PM Mass

The Great Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM

April 12 ~ Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Masses:

**8:15 AM in the Church
8:30 AM in the Hall/Gym
10:30 AM in the Church
12:15 PM in the Church**

**please note: Due to safety and comfort concerns,
once the pews of the Church are filled for the 8:15
AM Mass, the faithful will be directed to the
Hall/Gym for the 8:30 AM Mass.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

no 5:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

April 13 ~ Easter Monday

no Masses

Laws of Fast and Abstinence

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

day of fast and abstinence

FRIDAYS of LENT are days of **abstinence**. Meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of **fasting and abstinence**. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.

Stations of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon followed by beginning of Divine Mercy Novena

OUR LORD AWAITS US IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*In order to broaden and deepen our spiritual lives,
we are all encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten Season.*

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

Fr. Harris will hear confessions:

Monday of Holy Week - April 6
following 7:30 AM Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week - April 8
following 7:30 AM Mass & 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Reminder:

Confessions **are not** heard during the Sacred Triduum.
No Confession on Holy Saturday (April 11)