

Second Sunday of Easter

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	1,108,492.02
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Good Friday - Holy Land.....	2,434.21
Offertory -- 4-12-09	18,073.20
Easter	19,583.40
Total.....	37,656.60
Pride in our Past, Faith in our Future ...	12,771.23
Parish Debt (as of 4-1-09)	143,895.95

"Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"

Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,929,050.85

*The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced **total** stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.*

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish



The Tabernacle Vigil Candle (April 19 to May 2) is in loving memory of Maria Alvarez and is given by her family.

SAINTS SOCCER CAMP

Registration is now underway for the SAINTS Soccer Camp; to be held the week of June 15 to 19 from 9:00 AM to Noon at Woodland Park. The camp is open to boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of age and will be directed by Saint Joseph Athletic Director, Todd Wilkinson. Applications are available at the Saint Joseph Pastoral Life Center and school office, or in the church narthex. The fee is \$65 which includes a camp T-shirt. Please pre-register by Monday, June 1. For further information, please contact Todd Wilkinson at 540-1908.

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

HELP NEEDED

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

- April 21- Volunteer Appreciation Mass
- May 9 - First Communion (two Masses)
- May 21 - Confirmation

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

SCHOOL NEWS



School News

It is back to school after a much needed break! This week is a full week and we will spend it getting back into the daily routines. On **Wednesday, April 22** we will honor our very special Administrative Assistants on Administrative Professional Days. Mrs. Maria Carrero, Mrs. Wanda Williams, and Mrs. Lisa Militello are invaluable as secretaries, nurses, surrogate mothers (to the principal) and in countless other capacities. They are a blessing to us! Please remember them in your prayers this week!

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL APRIL 25/26, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

The shortage of priests is a growing problem in the United States. It is further complicated by the lack of funding in home mission dioceses, where parishes often struggle with poverty among parishioners, difficult or isolated terrain, religious hostility, and other circumstances that challenge the practice of the faith.

In the Archdiocese of Anchorage, in Alaska, there are 11,500 registered Catholic families spread over 140,000 square miles, yet only 30 active diocesan priests. Sadly such shortages occur often in our United States mission dioceses.

As the Church, we are called to solidarity with our sisters and brothers who need our help to practice their faith right here at home.

Please give generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal next week and continue to pray for our United States mission parishes.

Thank you for your stewardship and faith!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston

A NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Joseph and myself, we would like to thank the parish staff and all of the people who made our Holy Week liturgies and celebrations spiritual and reverent, especially those who provided the beautiful decorations, music and booklets, and our sacristans, ushers, ministers and servers.

Your support is truly appreciated,

Father Harris

April 19, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes continue on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM.

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 **THIS WEDNESDAY** when the children return to CCD.

Religious Education Registration Forms for the 2009-10 school year will be sent home this week. If your child will be returning to CCD in the fall, you should return the registration form with the fees by May 6.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Parents of Confirmation candidates are reminded that the date for the Confirmation Retreat will be Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The paper describing their patron saint and the letter to Father Harris requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are due from the confirmandi on Friday, May 1.

PARISH DINNERS

A hot meal will be available from 5:15 to 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym on Religious Education Wednesdays. The cost for dinners will be \$5.00 / adult and \$3.00 / child under 12 or \$12 per family, and all are invited. The week's menu: baked ziti with Italian sausage, tossed salad, bread, dessert and beverages.

PROGRAM FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage will be offered on Saturday, May 2 in the Education Building Room C from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. *God's Plan* is a marriage preparation supplement that offers engaged couples a compelling presentation of God's glorious plan for marital love. The cost is \$100 but some partial scholarships are available. For more information or to register call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail stjoedre@aol.com **This program is required for all couples planning to be married at St. Joseph.**

ST. GIANNA FEAST DAY RESPECT LIFE EVENT

After the 5:30 PM Mass on **Tuesday, April 28** at St. Joseph Church, **Kathy Schmutge** will give a talk based on Fr. Robert Spitzer's pro-life series "**Healing the Culture: A Pro-Life Philosophy.**" Kathy is the Diocese of Charleston's Assistant Family Life Director, and her talk will take place inside St. Joseph Church. Following the talk, a short prayer service in honor of St. Gianna will be held outside near the Shrine of the Unborn. A reception will follow. This event is sponsored by the St. Gianna Respect Life Guild. For more information, call John at 736-4131 or visit www.stgiannaguildd.org.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 19

8:15 AM Mr. Mr. Pasquale Biondi +
10:30 AM Mr. Joseph Harrera (I)
12:15 PM Mrs. Christine Mahoney +
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Monday, April 20

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, April 21

7:30 AM Miss Frances Monckton +
6:00 PM Volunteers Appreciation Mass

Wednesday, April 22

7:30 AM Mrs. Pamela Atkins Sizemore +

Thursday, April 23

7:30 AM Mrs. Helen Lynch +

Friday, April 24

7:30 AM Mrs. Lorraine Warner +
8:15 AM Harriet & Norbert Josten +

Saturday, April 25

5:30 PM Mrs. Carmen E. Novellas +

Sunday, April 26

8:15 AM Mr. David Clark +
10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
12:15 PM Mrs. Lorraine Warner +
5:30 PM Mrs. Dolores Adams +

*All Adult Volunteers
of St. Joseph
are cordially invited to
a Volunteer Appreciation
Mass
on Tuesday,
the twenty-first of April
at six o'clock
at St. Joseph Catholic Church
Reception to follow
in the Hall/Gym*



April 19, 2009

GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver Council and Court #380 are sponsoring a Golf Tournament Fundraiser on May 22 at Linrick Golf Course. You may participate as a golfer, hole sponsor or give a donation. The proceeds of this event will go to St. Martin de Porres Catholic School, The United Negro College Fund, Sickle Cell National Project as well as other worthy causes. Please contact Donald Miller at 256-6886 for a registration form. The form is due by May 9.

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS

NAMIWALKS is a nationwide event to raise awareness of mental illness, to erase the **STIGMA** of mental illness, and to encourage people to get treatment. Treatment works.

The 5K walk is also a fundraiser and will take place on Saturday, April 25 at 9:00 AM, West Columbia Riverwalk & Ampitheater. Registration begins at 7:30 AM.

Last year over 800 people joined the National Alliance on Mental Illness 5K NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America. It's time to step out and leave the stigma behind. One in four will experience a mental illness that can strike anyone. Let's do something about it and have some fun. Hit the Pavement with your neighbors to raise awareness of mental illness. **This is "Not... Just another WALK."**

For more information contact Eileen Schell, NAMI Mid-Carolina 296-5621 or sign up for the WALK at:
www.nami.org/namiwalks/SC/Columbia

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

We will have Youth Group from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM this Sunday, April 19. We will gather in the lobby of the Parish Hall/Gym. Newcomers are always welcome!



YOU TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE

On Easter Sunday morning, approximately 468 adults and 49 children in need in our community arrived at St. Peter's Cardinal Bernadine Center for a banquet. We thank all of you who donated your time, treasure, desserts, toiletries and Easter Baskets for all the guests. On behalf of the guests and the members of St. Peter's Church St. Vincent de Paul Society we say, Thank You.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is September 25-27 in Myrtle Beach. For more information visit our South Carolina website at sc.wwme.org or contact Bart & Laurie Huffman at (864) 575-4951 or lahuffman@prtcnet.com



Baby Shower for our Spiritually Adopted Babies Weekends of April 25/26 & May 2/3

All Donations Go to Birthright of Columbia

The St. Gianna Respect Life Guild will be collecting maternity and infant items needed by Birthright of Columbia on the 4/25 and 5/2 weekends. Please place all donated items in the crib that will be located in the back of St. Joseph Church.

Birthright Collection Wish List

- Undershirts or onesies, infant gowns, and sleepers (0-3 months)
- Crib sheets and blankets
- Baby wash, lotion, and cotton swabs
- Disposable diapers (Newborn and Size 1), wipes, and ointment
- Maternity clothes - especially large sizes

www.stgiannaguild.org

SENIOR SPRING DANCE CLASS

*Please register Friday, April 24 at 10 AM
St. Joseph Parish Hall/Gym, 3600 Devine Street.*

TEST
No Fee or Partner Required!



Lesson #2 : Friday, April 24
in the Parish Hall/Gym

Lesson #3 : Friday, May 1
in the Parish Hall/Gym

Lesson #4 : Friday, May 8
in the Parish Hall/Gym

Taught by Sal & Janice Di Maria
and Frank Melonas

Chili Challenge and a Movie



Sponsored by St Joseph Knights of Columbus

Saturday April 25th after 5:30pm Mass (around 6:30) in the St Joseph Hall/Gym.
Admission is \$1.00 per person which gets you a spoon and the opportunity to test and judge the best chili in the area. Just leave your spoon in the ballot bowl in front of your favorite Chili. Can't decide which chili you like the best?? No problem, just buy more \$1.00 spoons and vote for as many as you like, it's only \$1.00 per vote. Not hot for chili? We'll have hotdogs, chips and drinks for you and the kids.

So bring the whole family and join us for the family movie afterwards.



Does your Chili have what it takes?

Gift certificates awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place by Eric's San Jose Mexican Restaurant

To enter your Chili, contact Brian Casey at 695-8445 or email: Towranger@aol.com.

For movie related or general questions contact Skip Hudson at (622-7932.)

Family Movie: "Bernadette" starts at 7:15pm

Come & see how God uses this beautiful, humble and sincere young girl as a vessel for the Blessed Mother. Does the spring she discovers truly heal people? Come find out and experience the journey of the young girl whom we now know as Saint Bernadette.

Movie is free — movie munchies and drinks will be available for a small donation