

Third Sunday of Easter

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	1,131,454.72
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 4-19-09	22,962.70
Parish Debt (as of 4-1-09)	143,895.95

“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”

Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,943,003.35

The disciples in today’s Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS
www.cym1.com

We will meet today from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM at Pop's Pizza in 5 Points. Just bring money for a soft drink and we will provide the pizza!

Our youth activity next weekend will take place at the Columbia International University Shortess Chapel on Saturday, May 2. We will be there to support Beth Kern, whom has served as an adult volunteer for the last 3 years with CYM and has lead our Young Ladies Faith Sharing. Beth will have her senior music recital from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. We ask that you meet us there or call John at 238-6131 to arrange a ride or ask for directions. Please come and show your thanks on this very important night for Beth!

There will be no Youth Group on Sunday, May 3.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning Saturday evening, June 13, the Church will be closed for renovations and Masses and Confessions will be held in the Parish Hall/Gym. Adoration will be closed for the Summer.

The Summer Mass Schedule beginning June 13:

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:15, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM
no 5:30 PM Sunday Mass

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 AM
Tuesday: 5:30 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 PM
and by appointment

SCHOOL NEWS



School News

Spring has sprung! Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our school.

This Week:

- April 27 Students in first grade will attend a *Safe and Sound Town* assembly, produced by local law enforcement officers. The children will learn about stranger-danger, traffic and bicycle safety.
- April 28 Fourth grade attends the Military Museum at McEntire Air Force Base.
- April 29 Third grade attends that National Science Center in Augusta, GA
- April 30 **7:00 PM - Performance of A Secret Garden - the 6th Grade musical - Kamler Hall - admission is free; please come!**
- May 1 8:15 AM Mass; 1:00 PM performance of *A Secret Garden* for the school; **7:00 PM Performance of A Secret Garden - Kamler Hall - admission is free; please come!**

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR PART-TIME HOURS AND ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN?

St. Joseph School **Extended Care Program** needs your help, starting immediately and also for the 2009-2010 school year. The hours are 2:30 to 6 PM Monday through Friday. Please call the school office at 254-6736 ext. 10 for more information.



**WELCOME
NEW PARISHIONERS**

We extend a warm welcome to the newest parishioners of St. Joseph Church:

- Ms. Dolores Abdalla
- Mr. & Mrs. William E. Argoe III
- Mr. George Brown
- Dr. Jonathan Fletcher
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hoover
- Mr. Brett Hrovat
- Mr. & Mrs. Roger Iacovoni
- Mr. & Mrs. Scott Nolan
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patterson
- Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Reiff
- Mr. & Mrs. Scott Riggins
- Mr. & Mrs. Kristopher Sipes
- Ms. Michaela Truesdale
- Miss Jaime Yarborough

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes continue on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM. until May 6, except for the 8 grade, which meets until May 13.

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

BAPTISM SEMINAR



There will be a Baptism Seminar on Sunday, May 10 for parents who are seeking to have their children baptized at St. Joseph. The Seminar will take place in the Parish Life Center, lower level at 1:30 PM. For more information call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail stjloedre@aol.com

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 stjloedre@aol.com **This program is required for all couples planning to be married at St. Joseph.**

THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

located at 3821 West Beltline Blvd. is in need of donations of furniture to its furniture bank. Currently, 39 families are on a waiting list to receive furniture assistance through the Cooperative Ministry. If you have questions, call 799-3853.

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL #12554 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- May 7 Business Meeting 7:30 PM, with supper at 6:45 PM, slate of officers announced.
- May 17 Pancake Breakfast after morning Masses to benefit Catholic Radio in the Midlands
- May 21 Family Night, 6:30 PM, covered dish
- May 24 2nd Degree, St. Joseph Council, 2:00 PM

For further information, contact Sam Kopack at 783-4056

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian
Mr. Mark Good
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-7797

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 +

Monday, April 27

- 7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, April 28

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Patricia V. Real +
- 5:30 PM Miss Kate Bockman +

Wednesday, April 29

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Helen I. Ryan +

Thursday, April 30

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Evelyn Hood +

Friday, May 1

- 7:30 AM Miss Frances Monckton +
- 8:15 AM Mr. Lee Brinkley +

Saturday, May 2

- 5:30 PM Mrs. Mary Wapinski +

Sunday, May 3

- 8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
- 10:30 AM Mrs. Helen Lynch +
- 12:15 PM Miss Kate Bockman +
- 5:30 PM Mrs. Frances Naccash +

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

I Care I Share Sunday is next week. There is a great need for canned fruit, non-perishable fruit juices, rice, cereal, and canned vegetables.

Quarterly Report

- * 1,281 people were helped by providing food and other assistance
- * 84 visits to the homes of those in need. There were 537 visits to our pantry and phone requests.
- * \$14,931.71 given in aid - includes the cost of food and direct help with power cutoffs, evictions, etc.
- * Over 95% of donations went directly to the poor and needy.

We would like to thank everyone who has served the needy in our community by supporting this ministry. Many lives are being touched through your kindness.

Special need: a washer and dryer for two families as well as a sofa, end tables, lamps, rocking chair, etc. To donate, please contact Lew Warren at 237-0579 or Corinne Tomihiro at 787-8628.

April 26, 2009

PARISH DINNERS

Menu for Wednesday, April 29: chicken and rice pilaf, broccoli spears, bread, dessert and beverages. Cost: \$5.00 / adult and \$3.00 / child under 12 or \$12 per family.

ST. GIANNA FEAST DAY RESPECT LIFE EVENT

After the 5:30 PM Mass on **Tuesday, April 28** at St. Joseph Church, **Kathy Schmugge** 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.stgiannaguild.org.

BIG BAND NIGHT AT ST. JOSEPH

May 22 will be a wonderful night to enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner and the music of the Big Band Era played by Bob Knox and his Blue Serenade Orchestra - all for \$10.00. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Registration forms will be in next week's bulletin. For information, please call Sr. Julianne at 540-1901.

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 this and next weekend. Please place all donated items in the crib located in the Narthex of the 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

For more information, call John at 736-4131 or e-mail info@stgiannaguild.org

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CRIER

April 2009

Homelessness has many faces. Often, people who struggle with homelessness are living a destructive lifestyle of addiction which results in their inability to sustain employment. Homelessness is also the individual who just arrived in Columbia with friends to find work, only to be abandoned by them. Or, the individual struggling with medical issues and after being released from the hospital, finds out the landlord evicted him/her. Homelessness has also seen an increase among single women, as well as single parents/families with dependant children. The limited shelter facilities in and around Columbia stay full most of the time, making it difficult for people, whatever their situation, to find relief.

It is our prayer that our ministry touches the lives of the people we are called to touch and we are able to be a Christian example to them, regardless of the circumstances surrounding the homelessness issue.

We are able to provide clothing and toiletries for the homeless population due to your generosity and the generosity of others. While clothing and toiletries may not solve a particular housing issue, we pray it helps people feel worthy, cared about, and helps sustain them to another day. Our hope is that a seed is planted which will bear fruit in the not so distant future.

Please join us in our ministerial efforts. We ask for your prayers and for help with a particular need right now for:
men's tennis shoes, men's pants, men's white socks, and men's briefs.

The mission of Catholic Charities is to strive to continue the ministry of Jesus to those who are poor, through example and collaborative effort by providing quality services, advocating for justice, and calling the entire Church and all people to do the same.

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