

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual .....	895,373.69
Weekly Budget .....	28,846.15
Offertory -- 2-15-09 .....	27,612.95
Parish Debt (as of 2-1-09) .....	163,843.86

“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”

Pledged .....	3,118,479.71
Received .....	1,838,233.65

*Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today’s Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God’s forgiveness?*

TRIBUTES



**The flowers on the main altar** this weekend are in loving memory of David Hunt and in honor of Evelyn MaGhee.

**The Rose on Mary’s Altar** this weekend is in honor of Sheila Cooper on her birthday and **the Rose on St. Joseph’s Altar** is in honor of Donnie Cooper on his birthday. Both are given by Merilee and Charlie Hill.



**The Tabernacle Vigil Candle** (February 22 to March 7) is in loving memory of Pamela Atkins Sizemore and is given by Pat & Harry Atkins.

BLESSED PALMS

Palms from last year’s Palm Sunday Masses may be placed in the box in the narthex of the church. These palms will be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

St. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The monthly “I Care, I Share” food collection is next weekend (Feb. 28 & March 1.) There is a great need for: **rice, canned fruits & vegetables**, or any other dry or canned food items. Thank you for your support.

Needed: a Gas Stove - in working condition for a family. Please call Fred Stork at 776-7390 if you can assist with this appliance. Thank You.

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish*

**Baptist:** Marchate Durham



SCHOOL NEWS

Many blessings and congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday morning! It is inspiring to speak to these children who are so scrupulous. They are now preparing for their First Holy Communion on May 9. Please keep them in your prayers.

This week we will begin the holy season of Lent. Students will gather in the hallway for the prayer of the Stations of the Cross each morning beginning Thursday, February 26. We will spend the time of Lent together in prayer, fasting and alms-giving. May God bless you during this holy season and always!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

We will have Youth Group today in the Parish Hall/Gym from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM. All high school students are welcome to join us!

We are grateful for all those whom have registered to attend the Diocesan High School Conference March 13-15. There are over 600 Catholic youth registered, however if you would like to join us, we can add you to our waiting list.

We are already making plans to travel to Atlanta the week-end of July 17 to 19 for an amazing youth rally sponsored by Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio). More than 3,000 are expected to attend. For more information you may contact John at 238-6131.

Next week, Sunday, March 1, we will have Youth Group from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym.

VOCATIONS VIEW

*We have never seen anything like this!* What is more amazing, the ability to heal, or the gift to forgive sins? Consider being an instrument of God’s forgiveness through the ministry of priesthood. (Mark 2:1-12)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of **Tommy Buckland**. May his soul rest in peace.

ST. JOSEPH GIRL SCOUTS

**GIRL SCOUTS** will be selling cookies next week after the 8:15 and 10:30 AM Masses. If you would like to make arrangements via phone to buy cookies, please call Dianne Woodcock, Asst. Troop Leader, at 600-7395.



THIRD ANNUAL SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH  
PASSOVER SEDER

**Tuesday, April 7**  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Parish Hall/Gym  
\$12.50 per person

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be NO Religious Education classes this week on Ash Wednesday. Classes will resume on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:15 PM.

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 21 for grade 8 students and post-high school adults. Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 PM in the Church. **The date for the Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, May 16 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM.**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

The date for rehearsal for First Holy Communion has been changed. Rehearsal will take place on **Thursday, May 7** at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

## PARISH DINNERS

There will be NO parish dinner this week. Dinners resume on Wednesday, March 4.

## BAPTISM SEMINAR

There will be a Baptism Seminar on Sunday, March 8 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

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, February 22

8:15 AM Anthony & Lena Sisario +  
10:30 AM Mrs. Helen Lynch +  
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph  
5:30 PM Mrs. Dolly Ann McBride +

### Monday, February 23

7:30 AM Rosary

### Tuesday, February 24

7:30 AM Mrs. Betty Scala +  
5:30 PM Charles T. Nelson III +

### Ash Wednesday, February 25

7:30 AM Mrs. Betty Bergen +  
12:15 PM Mrs. Kay Wray +  
6:00 PM Mrs. Mary Wapinski +

### Thursday, February 26

7:30 AM Mrs. Carmen E. Novellas +

### Friday, February 27

7:30 AM Mrs. Katharina Pichler +  
8:15 AM No Mass  
6:00 PM Mrs. Mary Ann Hughes +

### Saturday, February 28

5:30 PM Mr. Steve Buhs (I)

### Sunday, March 1

8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph  
10:30 AM Mr. Robert Walton +  
12:15 PM Relatives of Hao Vu Bui +  
5:30 PM Mr. Charles T. Nelson III +

## CONCERT AT ST. JOSEPH

### TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS OF COLUMBIA

Today, Sunday at 3 PM at St. Joseph three of Columbia's most celebrated choirs: the **Trenholm Road United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir**, **St. Joseph's 10:30 AM Choir**, and the **Greater Columbia Children's Choir and Chamber Choir**. Will presents the sixth concert in the Light the Way with Music and Art series, co-sponsored by the Midlands Interfaith Homelessness Action Council. All donations benefit the Homeless Transition Center. A minimum contribution of \$10 is suggested.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

A **make-up date** for new servers who missed the Altar Server training in January will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 4:30 PM in the church. All students in grades 4 and up are invited.

Newly trained and veteran servers are also invited to attend this training to **"brush-up" on their skills.**

Questions? Please call Dan Wagner at 254-7646 ext. 22.



**Welcome!**

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Mr. & Mrs. William Bolchoz  
Mr. Harold Crews  
Mr. & Mrs. John Davis  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Faylo  
Dr. & Mrs. Kyle Garlitz  
Mr. Ulysses Juntilla  
Miss Amy Killoy  
Miss Amy Kisabeth  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kmetz  
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Logan  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom McAndrews  
Mr. Bryan Parks  
Mr. & Mrs. Troy Penny  
Mr. Benjamin Triana  
Ms. Adrianna Watson

**2008 TAX STATEMENTS**

If you need a copy of your 2008 statement for end-of-the-year tax purposes, please let the office know (540-1903) and we will provide one upon request. Statements will only be sent (or e-mailed) to parishioners who request them. Thank You.

**PILGRIMAGES TO EWTN AND SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

St. Joseph Church, Anderson and St. Mary Magdalene Church, Simpsonville are planning pilgrimages to EWTN and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Alabama. Dates are **May 27-29** and **May 29-31**. Both trips include a visit with Bishop Baker. The trip on May 27-29 also includes a live EWTN show with Sr. Briege McKenna. Trips include transportation, lodging at St. Bernard Abbey Retreat Center, Ave Maria Grotto and meals. The cost is \$240 / person double occupancy (\$50 single supplement.) For more information, call Heesun Devlin at (864) 292-6195.

**The Psychological Effects of Abortion:  
Hope & Healing**

**A Talk by Mary Ann Fey, Ed.S., LPC**

On Monday, February 23, at 6:30 PM in St. Francis de Sales House, 3504 Devine Street, Mary Ann Fey will give a talk titled "The Psychological Effects of Abortion: Hope and Healing." This talk will be directed at a wide ranging audience - those impacted by abortion in any way, those working in pro-life or post abortive ministries, or anyone just interested in learning more about this issue. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call John @ 736-4131 or e-mail: info@stgiannaguild.org.

Sponsored by St. Joseph's St. Gianna Guild.

**THE ST. JOSEPH MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE**



season will run from March 15 to late May. If you are interested, and are 30 years of age or over, please contact Travis Dayhuff for more information at:

travis.dayhuff@nelsonmullins.com

**SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK**

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

**Mr. David Nerbun**

Pontifical North American College

00120 Vatican City State

Europe

**SHROVE TUESDAY  
PARISH  
PANCAKE SUPPER**



Fr. Harris invites all Parishioners to a traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Please come and enjoy!



Parish Hall / Gym  
February 24, 2009  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Hosted by:  
St. Joseph Knights of Columbus  
& The Hospitality Committee

There will be no charge!

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 25

Mass Schedule: 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM

Distribution of ashes will be at Masses **only**.

**FRIDAYS of LENT**

Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3

During the **FRIDAYS of Lent**, Fr. Harris will, once again, offer **Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM**, immediately followed by **Mass at 6:00 PM**. This will enable those who are unable to attend the morning Masses to have the opportunity for an additional Lenten devotion.

After this Mass we will offer a **simple meatless supper** of soup, bread and drink in the Parish Hall/Gym. This will give you an opportunity to sacrifice a regular meal during Lent. Donations will be accepted. These donations will be given to a local soup kitchen.

# **LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

*2009*

## **ASH WEDNESDAY - February 25**

*day of fasting and abstinence*

**Mass & Distribution of Ashes**

7:30 AM, 12:15 & 6:00 PM

## **FRIDAYS IN LENT - beginning February 27**

*days of abstinence*

**Stations of the Cross - 5:30 PM**

**Mass - 6:00 PM**

**Simple Meatless Supper** in Parish Hall/Gym *following Mass*

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

February 28 : Midlands Rite of Election - 11:00 AM *at Corpus Christi*

March 14 : First Scrutiny - Creed - 5:30 PM (Sat. Vigil Mass)

March 22 : Second Scrutiny - 10:30 AM Mass

March 29 : Third Scrutiny - Lord's Prayer - 8:15 AM Mass

## **COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

**Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 PM**

## **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

**Thursday, March 19**

**Mass at 6:00 PM**

**Spaghetti Supper** in Parish Hall/Gym *following Mass*

## **MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 AM**

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM

# PREPARING OURSELVES FOR LENT

As Catholics, we believe that our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for Him finds expression in the way we live our lives, to be included in the things we do. In order to fulfill the Great Commandment (You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind....You shall love your neighbor as yourself.) the Church recommends to us that we undertake what are called the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

## The Spiritual Works of Mercy are these:

- To admonish the sinner
- To instruct the ignorant
- To counsel the doubtful
- To comfort the afflicted
- To bear wrongs patiently
- To pray for the living and dead
- To forgive offenses willingly

## The Corporal Works of Mercy are these:

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To visit the imprisoned
- To shelter the homeless
- To visit the sick
- To bury the dead

*As we approach the beginning of Lent, please consider ways in which you will perform Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy for those in need.*

## LENT

Lent originally was called “Quadragesima” (Latin for “forty”) standing for forty days of fasting required of Christians before Easter Sunday. Early English (Anglo Saxon) changed the name of this 40 day period to “Lencten” (now called “Lent”) which means “Spring.” Lēctentid was Anglo Saxon for the month of March, “when days lengthen” (are longer).

- **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are days 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 18<sup>th</sup> year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY and ALL FRIDAYS of LENT** are days of **abstinence**. Meat and poultry (i.e. warm-blooded animals) should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year.

## NOT PERMITTED IN CHURCH DURING LENT

**During Lent, the following things are not allowed:** the Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest), the “Alleluia,” **Baptisms, Weddings** (except in special emergencies), and flowers on the altars.

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 21/22, 2009

Dear Parishioners of Saint Joseph Catholic Church,

One of the components to our 2007 Capital Campaign is a refurbishing of our church interior, in particular to painting and improving the lighting and sound system. Last March we began announcing in our Sunday bulletin that it would be necessary to close the church from June 15 to September 30 in order to complete the work in a thorough and timely manner. Scaffolding will be erected throughout the church for removal of damaged plaster and painting.

Fortunately, we have the Hall/Gym available in which to offer our Masses. The use of the Hall/Gym for extra Christmas and Easter Masses the past two years has given us the experience of celebrating Mass in a prayerful and reverent manner outside of our sanctuary.

It is the unanimous recommendation of our Parish Council that the Masses schedule for the Sundays beginning the weekend of June 20/21, and ending with the weekend of September 26/27 will be held in our Hall/Gym. Daily Masses will begin on Tuesday, June 16.

Since the Hall/Gym can accommodate approximately 800 parishioners comfortably seated, it will not be necessary to offer five Masses per weekend. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Parish Council that Masses will be as follows:

**Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:30 PM**  
**Sunday Masses - 8:15 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:15 PM**  
**There will be NO 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday evenings.**

Daily Masses will remain at the time and days they are currently scheduled, and will be held in the Hall/Gym.

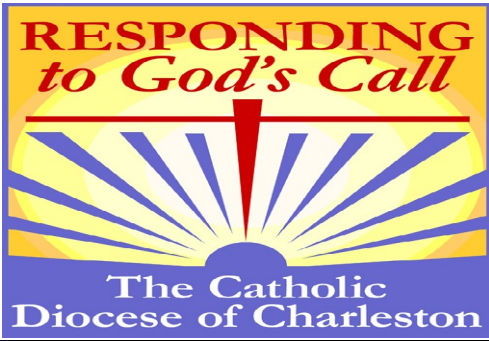
Funerals will be held in the Hall/Gym, or at one of our sister churches in the Columbia area.

I am sure that you realize the need to make these adjustments and there may be some inconveniences.

I thank you for your cooperation and support, as together we look forward to our refurbished sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard D. Harris  
Pastor



**2009 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**

**PLEDGE WEEKEND**

Newsletter #3

Participation is a key ingredient to the success of our appeal! In order to reach our parish target we need each member of our parish to participate in the appeal to the best of their ability. If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to this year's BSA or have been waiting to make a pledge, please complete a pledge envelope that is available in church and place it in the collection basket or drop it in the mail for delivery.

**How to Participate...**

To succeed in accomplishing the goals of our appeal, we ask each of our Catholic families to consider a sacrificial pledge to the *Bishop's Stewardship Appeal* to the best of their financial ability

To assist you in making your decision, a series of Suggested Gift Plans has been prepared for your consideration. Our ultimate goal in this appeal is 100% participation! We thank you in advance for your generosity and support in this very important endeavor.

**Please Keep in Mind...**

- You may make a monthly pledge over the course of the year or a one-time donation
- You may use your monthly parish envelope to donate
- If you make a pledge the diocese will mail you a monthly reminder
- Please keep all donations to the 2008 BSA separate from previous donations to the *Our Heritage, Our Hope* Capital Campaign
- All gifts are tax deductible and donations of stock and other securities are accepted

**SUGGESTED GIFT PLANS**

CAN YOU SACRIFICE?	TOTAL PLEDGE	10 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
\$16.67/day	\$5,000	\$500
8.33/day	2,500	250
6.67/day	2,000	200
3.33/day	1,000	100
2.50/day	750	75
1.67/day	500	50
1.33/day	400	40
1.00/day	300	30
0.67/day	200	20

**The Life of the Christian Steward**  
**The Third Commitment:**  
*Stewardship encompasses all of life.*