

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	764,151.69
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 1-11-09	24,981.58
Church in Latin America	2,366.36
Ecumenical Service 1-11-09.....	862.00
Pride in our Past, Faith in our Future ...	11,922.79
Parish Debt (as of 1-6-09).....	173,761.96
 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,795,799.82

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." See 1 Samuel 3:4; Psalm 40

TRIBUTE



The flowers on the Main Altar this weekend are in loving memory of Lee Peloquin and are given by her children.

SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration is underway for Saint Joseph spring soccer. All registration will be done online through the Columbia United website:<http://www.columbiaunitedfc.com:80>

After completing your registration online, please send an e-mail to Todd Wilkinson at the Pastoral Life Center with the following information: name, home phone, date of birth, age, and previous team or team request. This will help us to properly assign players. Returning players will normally be placed on their Fall 2008 teams. New players will be placed where room is available or on new teams.

Saint Joseph will have teams in the U5 through U12 age divisions. Girls teams will be made only if there are sufficient numbers; otherwise teams are co-ed.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of **Leila "Toni" Child**. May her soul rest in peace.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Richland: Charlie Baker



SCHOOL NEWS

We are enjoying a bit of a break this week as the teachers calculate grades for the second quarter and we prepare to begin the second semester of study. The school will be closed on Monday, January 19, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. and on Tuesday, January 20 for teacher meetings. **Extended Care will be open on Tuesday.**

If you have the opportunity, please watch the Inauguration with your children on Tuesday, January 20. It is a wonderful opportunity for your children to learn about government. Remember, eight years ago, they were far too young to remember. This may be their first President of memory!

School resumes on January 21. On Thursday, Father Harris will train the new altar servers from grades four through six at 8:30 AM. On Friday, January 23, please come to join us for our Ecumenical Prayer Service at 9:00 AM in the Church. There is NO school Mass on Friday, January 23.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

There is no Youth Group today due to our other activities.

On Monday, January 19, we will be attending an NBA game in Charlotte to watch the Bobcats play the San Antonio Spurs. We will meet at Cardinal Newman at 10:30 AM and return at 8:00 PM, The cost is \$15 plus money for 2 meals.

Our trip to Washington, DC for the National Youth Rally and March for Life will take place on January 21 and 22. Call John for more information at 238-6131.

BUS RIDE TO MASS

St. Joseph Seniors need a bus driver for Mass on Saturday evenings. We have a bus but need additional drivers. The commitment is once a month to drive the bus; volunteers must be willing to go through simple training and practice with the 14 passenger bus. Please call Sister Julienne at 540-1901, or Lester at 755-2736 for more information.

ANNUAL SENIOR MASS AND LUNCHEON

Monday, January 19

All are invited to join us.

Mass at 11:30 AM

Luncheon with entertainment following.

Luncheon cost: \$10.00

The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
Monday, January 19, 2009
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes continue this week on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 PM.

PARISH DINNERS

A hot meal will be available from 5:15 – 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. This week's menu: baked ham, new potatoes, string beans, rolls, dessert and beverages.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education classes continue on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM "St. Paul and the Sacraments" with Malcolm and Gwen Skipper meets in the Education Building Room A. And "A Study of St. Paul" with Deacon Charles Poole meets in the Parish House. All classes are at 6:15 PM. For more information call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail stjoe-dre@aol.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus." Do we have the faith to follow Jesus and listen to His words about marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 6-8, Hilton Head. There are also weekends planned in Myrtle Beach for May 1-3, and September 25-27. For more information visit our website at sc.wwme.org or contact Steve or Nydia Burdick at 798-8296 / scwwme@gmail.com.

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBIA

a pro-life emergency pregnancy service will be celebrating its **twenty-ninth anniversary**. Birthright is staffed solely by volunteers who assist girls and women faced with an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy, in a loving, compassionate manner. Birthright services are free and absolutely confidential.

An Open House is planned for **Sunday, February 8 from 1 to 4 PM** at the office - located at 2318 Devine Street. Come and join the "*Celebration of Life*." Refreshments will be served and the public is invited. For more information, call Hank or Sally Chardos at 781-7457.

LARCUM PRAYER SERVICE

The **14th Annual LARCUM** (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Methodist) prayer service will be on Sunday, January 25 at 3:30 PM at St. Peter's Church. Rev. Dr. Herman R. Yoos, III, Lutheran Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, will preach. A reception will follow. For more information, please contact Melissa Walker at 345-7407.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 18

8:15 AM Mr. William Killoy +
10:30 AM Viktoria, Maria & Thomas Struzik +
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph
5:30 PM Mr. George Goodwin +

Monday, January 19

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 AM Mrs. Roni Lee Wilson +
5:30 PM Mrs. Mary Wapinski +

Wednesday, January 21

7:30 AM Mrs. Nettie Taylor (I)

Thursday, January 22

7:30 AM Mrs. Pam Cecala (I)

Friday, January 23

7:30 AM Mrs. Elizabeth Nettler +
8:15 AM No Mass

Saturday, January 24

5:30 PM Mrs. Mary Wapinski +

Sunday, January 25

8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
10:30 AM Wladyslaw, Maria & Filip Dojnowicz +
12:15 PM Mr. Carl Niggel +
5:30 PM Mrs. Rosa Smith +

St. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS

Two clothes washers (in working condition.) Please call Lew 790-8810, or Corinne 787-8628 if you can assist the needy by providing these appliances. Thank You.

9th ANNUAL

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All Married Couples Invited

Please join Msgr. Laughlin, Administrator for the Diocese of Charleston at the 9th Annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, February 15 at Holy Trinity Church in Orangeburg. The Mass begins at 3:00 PM followed by a reception. Please see the flyer in **next** week's bulletin.

DO YOU HAVE A ROOM TO SPARE?

Sleeping space needed one weekend a month for students in the **Masters of Pastoral Theology program of Ave Maria University**. The classes are Friday evening, and all day Saturday and Sunday. The weekends are February 6-8, March 6-8, April 3-5, and May 8-10. The students are either working for or affiliated with the Church and are coming from various locations in the Diocese. They only need a place to sleep—the rest of the time they will be in class or studying. For information, please call Cherie Smith at 788-3252 ext. 21 or e-mail cherries@sc.rr.com.

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2008 TAX STATEMENTS

Due to budgetary considerations, 2008 tax statements will NOT be mailed to each household this year. If you are in need of a statement, please call the office - 254-7646 ext. 20 - and one will be mailed to you. Thank You.

U. S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS "FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT" POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

Next weekend the bulletin will contain an insert with postcards addressed to US Senators and Representatives from South Carolina, urging them to vote against the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) currently before Congress. Passage of this bill would reverse all of the legal gains the pro-life movement has made over the past 35 years. According to Cardinal Justin Rigali, FOCA would create "a 'fundamental right' to abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy, including a right to abort a fully developed child in the final weeks for undefined 'health' reasons. For the first time, abortion on demand would be a national *entitlement* that government must condone and promote in all public programs affecting pregnant women." All citizens who respect life are urged to fill out and mail these postcards. Additional postcards are available in the Parish Office. More information on this critical issue can be found at www.stgiannaguild.org.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Are you interested in the Ministry of Altar Service? Boys and Girls in grades 4 and above who have made their First Communion are invited to become Altar Servers. Training for St. Joseph School Children will take place on Thursday, January 22 at 8:30 AM (during school). Training for all others will take place on Saturday, January 24 at 9:00 AM in the Church. For information, please contact Dan Wagner at 254-7646 ext. 22.

HOME WORKS- WINTER BLITZ - JANUARY 24

Teens and adults are needed to make repairs to the homes of the elderly and the disadvantaged in the Greater Columbia Area. No skill level is required - your mere presence conveys hope! For information call Hank Chardos at 781-4536.

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

COMMUNITY / WELCOME SATURDAY

All are invited to our Community Saturday for wine and cheese following the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, February 7. Please join us in the lobby of the Rowland Education Building to visit with old friends and welcome new parishioners.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHURCH MASS FOR PEACE & JUSTICE Tuesday, January 20

January is Respect Life Month. Monday, January 19 is the observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Tuesday, January 20 is Inauguration Day. Thursday, January 22 is the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.

Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, January 20 will be in the Church from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM with Benediction following. **The regularly scheduled Mass at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, January 20 will be the Mass for Peace and Justice.** Please make a special effort to attend Eucharistic Adoration this week and to attend daily Mass. Plan to spend time this week in penance and prayer for peace and justice, for our country and its leaders, and for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



to benefit
St. Joseph School

Sunday, January 25, 2008
following

8:15 and 10:30 AM Masses

\$5.00 per person or
\$18.00 per family

Parish Hall / Gym



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