

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	787,837.11
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 1-18-09	23,685.42
Parish Debt (as of 1-6-09)	173,761.96
 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	1,811,931.82

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples — Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus **immediately**, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me — at **this** moment, in **these** circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order for follow Him?

TRIBUTES



The flowers on the main altar and the roses on Mary's & St. Joseph's Altars this weekend are in loving memory of Rosa Smith and are given by her son Michael.



The Bread and Wine for the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 25 are in loving memory of Francis Peloquin, Sr. and are given by his 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 Fr. James Orumpakatt, CMI. Fr. Orumpakatt served the Diocese of Charleston as Administrator at Transfiguration Church, Blythewood and Administrator at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Folly Beach. His funeral was held in India. May his soul rest in peace.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

SCHOOL NEWS



This week is National Catholic Schools Week. The theme for this year is "Celebrating Service." In our mission to create students who are formed by Gospel values, we encourage them to participate in many activities of service to others. From helping out a fellow classmate who has forgotten his book to collecting canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, our students are encouraged to think outside of themselves and offer themselves to those in need. Service is indeed a cornerstone of Catholic education.

The school will have a week-long Open House. Parents who are interested in enrolling their children for the 2009-2010 school year are encouraged to come to the school any day this week from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. You may tour the school, visit classrooms, and see examples of student work. On Thursday, January 29 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM the school will be open for an Evening Open House. In addition our Parish Hall/Gym will be open and student art, science and math work will be on display. You will be able to see the winners of the Science Expo at this event.

We hope to see you this week. Please also remember our school especially in your prayers. We are very blessed to have the support of a wonderful parish. Thank You and God Bless You!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

We will have Youth Group today from 11:45 AM until 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym. Newcomers are always welcome!

On Saturday, January 17, over 600 Catholic high school youth joined us for the first ever Catholic Youth Rally for Life. This event was held at St. Peter's Catholic Church and included dynamic speakers, a terrific band and most importantly the celebration of Mass.

A special thank you to all 110 high school youth from St. Joseph and other Catholic churches in the Midlands Deanery who traveled to Washington, DC for the March for Life last Wednesday and Thursday, January 21 & 22.

VOCATIONS VIEW

Come after Me. Jesus called Andrew and Peter and James and John. He calls still in our day. Are you willing to drop your nets and follow? (Mark 1:14-20)

January 25, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

The *Real Love/Real Life* Program for Confirmation candidates continues on Monday, January 26 at 7:00 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 sloppy joes, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls, dessert and beverages.

PROGRAM FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage will be offered on Saturday, February 21 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; scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail: stjodre@aol.com. **This program is required for all couples planning to be married at St. Joseph.**

NURSERY NEWS

The 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses have a nursery available for families with children age 3 and under at no charge. The nursery is located in the 4K classroom. Katie and Angie are trained child care professionals and welcome all new families to visit. Please take advantage of this wonderful service. Also, there is a Cry Room available in the church during all Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 +

Monday, January 26

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, January 27

7:30 AM Mrs. Carmen E. Novellas +
5:30 PM Mr. Carl Niggel +

Wednesday, January 28

7:30 AM Miss Frances Monckton +

Thursday, January 29

7:30 AM Mrs. Ann Knoblock +

Friday, January 30

7:30 AM Mrs. Mary Wapinski +
8:15 AM Children of St. Joseph School

Saturday, January 31

5:30 PM Mrs. Maria Alvarez +

Sunday, February 1

8:15 AM Mr. William Killoy +
10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
12:15 PM Miss Frances Monckton +
5:30 PM Dolores & Timothy Brown (I)

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL #12554 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- Feb. 1 Youth Free Throw Contest
- Feb. 5 Regular Business Meeting
- Feb. 19 Family Night
- Feb. 24 Shrove Tuesday Parish Pancake Supper

For further information, contact Sam Kopack at 783-4056.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out."
Time passes so swiftly. Soon there will be no more time to enrich your marriage. Now is the time to act. 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.

"On the Lord's Day, gather together to break bread and offer thanks. But confess your sins first, so that your sacrifice may be pure."

Didache (140 AD) on Confession and Penance



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Alemany
Mr. & Mrs. John Brandon
Mr. & Mrs. Ian Dryden
Mr. & Mrs. David Foyle
Mr. Robert Jackman
Mr. & Mrs. John Loveless
Mr. Adam Moreno
Dr. & Mrs. Justin Towle
Miss Alicia White
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Williamson

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.

St. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The monthly "I Care, I Share" food collection is next weekend (Feb. 3 & 4.) There is a great need for: **rice, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables**, or any other dry or canned food items. Thank you for your support.

Needed: two clothes washers - in working condition. If you can assist the needy by providing these appliances, please call Lew at 790-8810, or Corinne at 787-8628. Thank You.

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBIA

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

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.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

Mr. Matthew Gray

Mount St. Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-7797

RESPECT LIFE CORNER FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA) POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

All citizens with a respect for life are strongly encouraged to fill out and mail the FOCA postcards in today's bulletin. If this act passes Congress and is signed by the President, it will overturn all existing laws in this country that restrict abortions, including laws that require parental consent for minors seeking an abortion, laws that restrict late term abortions, laws that restrict federal funding for abortion, etc. More information on FOCA can be found at www.stgiannaguild.org, along with a listing of the US Congressmen from South Carolina. A postcard signing table, complete with additional postcards and collection boxes, will be set up outside of church after all of this weekend's Masses. The signing table is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council and our St. Gianna Respect Life Guild.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

If you are looking for peace and forgiveness after an abortion, come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The weekend retreat is for women and men who cannot get past their abortion experience. The Diocese of Charleston is offering a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, February 6 to 8 in Rock Hill. For information, please contact Christy at 554-6088, or Kathy at 546-6010; e-mail: grace4healing@gmail.com or visit the website at: rachelvineyard.org

YOUTH BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Basketball Free Throw Contest at 2:30 PM on Sunday, February 1** in the Parish Hall/Gym for all boys and girls ages 10-14. All public, private and parochial school children are eligible and invited. A parent or guardian will need to sign a form validating the age of the child(ren) at registration that day. There will be hot dogs and drinks after the competition. Join us for a fun time! For further information, please contact Robert Wiggs: e-mail: WiggsW@scdot.com or 447-2127.

NEWMAN CLUB MISSION TRIP TRIVIA NIGHT

The USC Newman Club is going on a Mission Trip to Kingston, Jamaica from Mach 7 - 14. The Newman Club will be serving mentally and physically handicapped children and children with AIDS. To help defray the cost of this trip, we will have a **Trivia Night on February 7 from 7 to 9 PM** at the Cardinal Bernadin Center at St. Peter's Catholic Church. This will be an evening to test your knowledge of history, sports, geography, entertainment, etc with friends and family. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Tickets for this event will cost \$10. Food will be available from 6:30 PM.

February 1, 2009 ~ Super Bowl Sunday
Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Arizona Cardinals

The Real Winners Are Those in Need!



Just drop a donation into a soup pot next Sunday and unite with thousands worldwide who are putting God's love into action. Youth from St. Joseph will have their soup pots ready after all Masses.

In 2008, 14,540 churches participated raising over \$10 million.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-led, grassroots movement of caring, the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities. Since 1993, over \$50 million has been raised for charities across the country.

All of the money collected at St. Joseph Church will be donated to HomeWorks which provides home repair to the poor and elderly and to the Free Medical Clinic which provides health care to those in need.

9th ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sponsored by the
Diocese of Charleston- Office of Family Life



Sunday, February 15, 2008 at 3:00 pm
Holy Trinity Church 2202 Riverbank Drive
Orangeburg, SC 29118- 4044

The Anniversary Celebration is an opportunity to honor all married couples especially those in long-term marriages. The married couples will affirm their love and commitment to each other with other couples in the Diocese of Charleston. The Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

A reception will follow.

HUSBAND'S FIRST NAME _____ WIFE'S FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____ # years married in 2009 _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CURRENT PARISH _____

PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 6, 2009 to:
Family Life Office
2879 Hwy 160W, PMB #4336
Fort Mill, SC 29708
(803) 547-5063

'Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.'
I Corinthians 13:7