

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
ETD Actual.....	1,387,101.04
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 6-28-09	20,364.77
Peter's Pence Collection.....	2,790.04
Parish Debt (as of 6-1-09)	123,798.15

"Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"

Pledged	3,120,479.71
Received	2,104,937.35

During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

See Psalm 123

TRIBUTES



The Flowers on the Altar this weekend are in loving memory of Buddy Fenzel and are given by his family.

The Bread and Wine for the 12:15 PM Mass on Sunday, July 5 are in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Donald James on their 60th wedding anniversary and are given by Dave & Connie Pfrommer.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Opportunities to remember or honor loved ones and special occasions with flowers for our liturgies are available this summer on the weekends of: August 1/2, 22/23 & 29/30. Please call Teresa at 254-7646 ext. 0 for information or to check on the availability of other dates. The suggested donation is \$100.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
 Sunday: 8:15, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass: Monday: *Rosary* 7:30 AM
 Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 AM
 Tuesday: 5:30 PM

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

*ALL Masses are in the Hall/Gym.
 NO access to the Church during renovations.*

SCHOOL NEWS



We hope that you had a glorious Fourth of July! Next week is Vacation Bible School Week, so we are preparing for a lot of visitors! It should be

an exciting week!

All teaching vacancies at the school have been filled. Thank you for spreading the word about the opening! We had twenty applicants for one teaching position, and many of them were very strong, qualified candidates. The position for first grade has been offered to and accepted by **Mrs. Mary Hughes Walker**. Mrs. Walker will be teaching first grade (alongside Sister Maria Lovett,) and will teach all the first graders mathematics, social studies and science. We welcome Mrs. Walker and we look forward to her becoming a part of our professional learning community at Saint Joseph School. Have a great week!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

There will be **no movie** night this Wednesday, July 8. Our next movie night will be July 15 from 7:00 to 9:15 PM in the Choir Room of the Rowland Education Building.

We will be traveling to Atlanta from July 17-19 to attend the Franciscan University Conference with 3,000 other high school youth. This trip includes a visit to Six Flags.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Some women and men regret an abortion as soon as it happens and for others the regret occurs years later. Post Abortion Syndrome can show itself as guilt, depression, sadness, anxiety, or self destructive behavior. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer a safe place for people to find healing from their abortion experience. For more information about our next retreat, August 14-16, please call Christy at 554-6088, Kathy at 546-6010 or (877) HOPE-4 ME or e-mail: grace4healing@gmail.com. All contact is strictly confidential.

DURING CHURCH RENOVATIONS

PLEASE DO NOT park in the handicap parking spaces on the Bonham Street side of Church. This area is being used by the workers. Thank you!



The Parish Office will be

CLOSED

Monday, July 6th
 in observance
 of Independence Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration is now open for the 2009-10 Religious Education Program. CCD classes resume on Wednesday, September 9. The fees are \$50 per child, or \$150 per family. In order to secure your place in our program prior to open registration in August, completed registrations, along with fees, should be returned to the parish office. You may pick up registration forms at the parish office or download them from the parish website:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org

BAPTISM SEMINAR



There will be a Baptism Seminar NEXT SUNDAY, July 12 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 stjosedre@aol.com. Godparents are invited - but

not required - to attend.

PROGRAM FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage will be offered on Saturday, July 18 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 stjosedre@aol.com **This program is required for all couples planning to be married at St. Joseph.**

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

In June 2009 we welcomed the following new members into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

- Claire Elizabeth Kaminski
- William Matthew Nickerson
- Gabriella Marie Skaggs
- Ethan Alister Young
- William Sanders Barksdale
- Jack Michael Garlitz
- Bowman O'Neil Rummel
- Eugene Edison Bishop Owens
- Cody Scott Wigand
- Samantha Jack Mallon

Also in April 2009 the following couple was united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

- Steven V. Moca & Anna Belle Carroll Kibler
- Benjamin King Bower & Julie Ann Moore

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 5

- 8:15 AM Mrs. Louise Wright +
- 10:30 AM Mrs. Tara Brown +
- 12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Monday, July 6

- 7:30 AM *Rosary*

Tuesday, July 7

- 7:30 AM Mr. James C. Oden +
- 5:30 PM Mr. Woodrow G. Masse +

Wednesday, July 8

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Julia Khoury Shahid +

Thursday, July 9

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Mary Ann Polk-Umansky +

Friday, July 10

- 7:30 AM Mr. Tommy Buckland +

Saturday, July 11

- 5:30 PM Mrs. Mary Wapinski +

Sunday, July 12

- 8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
- 10:30 AM Mr. John McLaughlin V (I)
- 12:15 PM Mrs. Janet Bonoit +

INFIRM PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There continues to be much talk and formal discussion concerning universal health care and each time we see a new administration in Washington the issue moves to "center stage." As Catholics, we want to see everyone enjoy the fruits of the wonderful health care available in our country.

I write to you at this time, however, to address the issue of the care of our infirm priests. St. Joseph's Residence for retired priests is operating thanks to your continued generosity and this is but one way (nonetheless an important way) we care for our infirm priests. While Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid help, there are STILL substantial COSTS to the diocese.

Please be generous to our collection for **INFIRM PRIESTS** on July 11/12. These priests have spent their lives in caring for others. I am confident that we will all do our best now to care for them.

In The Lord's Peace,
+ Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF COLUMBIA

— an interfaith program for senior adults and supported by Columbia congregations, will offer a four week series of classes on Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22 and 29. Classes include: watercolor and acrylic painting, bridge playing, “Middle and South America” by Dr. John Stine; “Creating Health;” and “Potpourri - Local and State.” Registration is \$12.00. Call 779-4449 for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPTION REUNION REGISTRY

Catholic Charities handled adoptions for many years until the late 1990s. During that time, thousands of adoptions took place. Catholic Charities has available a reunion registry. This registry is available to those who were adopted through Catholic Charities and their biological parent(s). If you were involved in an adoption through Catholic Charities and are interested in learning more about the reunion registry, please contact Catholic Charities at (843) 402-9115 ext. 15.

GOING ON VACATION?



While you are on vacation, our bills still keep coming. Our church needs you to help support the preaching of the Gospel, its administration of the Sacraments, keeping its lights and air conditioning on all summer, helping teach our children about God, and fulfilling its interest in providing wholesome activities for our teens. Without your tithes we could not accomplish all we do. Thank you for your weekly donations.

Also, while vacationing this summer, be sure to include your weekly Mass obligation in your plans. For Mass schedules around the United States, go to:

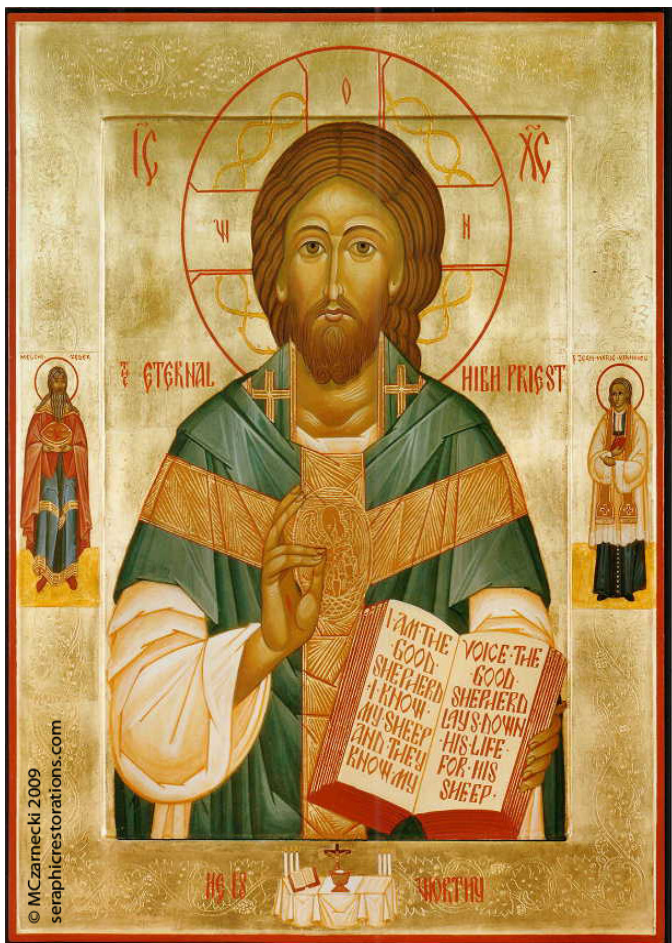
www.masstimes.org.

Remember, you can read our weekly bulletin on our website:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

JUNE 19, 2009 - JUNE 19, 2010



Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words,
“Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary’s most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother’s own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.