

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget..... 1,500,000.00
 YTD Actual 955,883.16
 Weekly Budget 28,846.15
 Offertory -- 3-01-09 33,039.34
 Parish Debt (as of 2-1-09) 153,888.57

“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”
 Pledged 3,118,479.71
 Received 1,857,558.15

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His own Son.” Are my gifts to the Lord — of my resources, of my time, of myself — also sacrificial?

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Health South: Rueben “Sonny” Leichtle
Baptist: Lenna Parker



The Tabernacle Vigil Candle (March 8 to 21) is in loving memory of Mary Wapinski and is given by her husband.

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.

FRIDAYS of LENT

Mar. 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.

MASS TO HONOR ST. PATRICK

There will be a **Mass at St. Joseph Church on March 14 at 8:00 AM** to honor St. Patrick. This Mass is sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. All are welcome.

SCHOOL NEWS

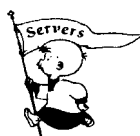


Saint Joseph School is currently accepting applications for enrollment in grades 4K-6. There are limited openings in each grade, and we do give special consideration to those students who are returning. Therefore, it is important if you wish your child to attend the school, that you consider enrolling him or her in our 4K program. Do not wait!

The 4K program offers a full day of educational experiences for your child including special area instruction in music, art and physical education from certified teachers; daily religion classes; and weekly Mass. The tuition for 4K is \$4,800 for the school year. Payment begins in June and can be made in monthly installments. Many parents often find this to be less expensive than area day care programs, and we feel that the program is much more rigorous than that which you would find in these types of programs.

Please call the school office to arrange a tour and to meet the principal, teachers and our wonderful students! We encourage and welcome your visit. Have a great week!

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.

ST. JOSEPH GIRL SCOUTS

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Girl Scout cookies will be on sale before and after the 10:30 AM Mass. Please stop by the table and support our Girl Scout troop!"



Schedule for
Lenten Communal Penance Services
 in area churches

All Services are scheduled for 7:00 PM.

Thursday, March 12	Our Lady of the Lake
Thursday, March 19	Transfiguration
Monday, March 23	Our Lady of the Hills
Thursday, March 26	St. Joseph
Monday, March 30	St. Peter's
Wednesday, April 1	St. Martin de Porres
Thursday, April 2	Corpus Christi
Friday, April 3	St. John Neumann

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

BAPTISM SEMINAR

There will be a Baptism Seminar **TODAY** for parents who are seeking to have their child(ren) baptized at St. Joseph. The Seminar will be held in the Parish Life Center, lower level at 1:30 PM. For more information, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail stjoedre@aol.com

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 is \$5.00 / adult and \$3.00 / child under 12 or \$12 per family, and all are invited. This week's menu: Labrasca's pizza, tossed salad, dessert and beverages.

RCIA NEWS

This weekend we celebrate the First Scrutiny for those elect and candidates who are planning to be received into the Church this Easter. They are: *Amanda Caldwell, Nathan Caldwell, Kristina Delp, Kelly Durham, Jonathan Fletcher, Danielle Frangos, Mary Fullard, Ashlyn Landen, Lindy Landon, Laura Lenski, Robert Noble, Tiffany Noble, Julie Noland, Alyssa Sakara, Corey Sakara, Jessica Sakara, Kristopher Sipes, James Snow, Cheryl Walker, and Andrew Whiteside.* Please keep them in your prayers.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

Our youth are sponsoring the Welcome Sunday after all the Masses, today.

We will have Youth Group today from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym.

Next weekend, March 13 to 15 we will be attending the Diocesan Youth Conference with 700 Catholic high school youth from throughout our diocese. As a result, we will be unable to have our regular youth group meeting on Sunday March 15.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

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

Carmen Elizabeth Hudson
Natalie James Montague
Cole James Mitchell
Luke William Mitchell
Caroline DuRant Muzekari

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 8

8:15 AM Mr. Paul Timmers +
10:30 AM Mr. Julius Vendely +
12:15 PM Mrs. Pamela Atkins Sizemore +
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Monday, March 9

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, March 10

7:30 AM Mr. Junior Luther Hinson +
5:30 PM Mr. Charles T. Nelson III +

Wednesday, March 11

7:30 AM Mr. Jimmie Taylor (I)

Thursday, March 12

7:30 AM Mrs. Helen Lynch +

Friday, March 13

7:30 AM The end to abortion
8:15 AM Mr. Frank Stiglbauer +
6:00 PM Mr. Jim Woest (I)

Saturday, March 14

8:00 AM The Ancient Order of Hibernians
5:30 PM Mrs. Mary Wapinski +

Sunday, March 15

8:15 AM Mr. William Killoy +
10:30 AM Mr. Charles T. Nelson III +
12:15 PM Mr. James R. Michael +
5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

YOUTH BASKETBALL

FINISHES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Youth Basketball season wrapped up last weekend with the last Peewee League games; over 170 parish youth participated on 19 teams. Many thanks to the coaches, parents, and players for all of their time and effort.

Congratulations to the following team for their accomplishments in the Columbia Interfaith Basketball League: Coach Michel's 3rd and 6th grade girls who finished as runners-up in their respective tournaments.

Coach Collin's 3rd grade boys who were undefeated season champs and tournament runners-up.

The Dayhuff's 4th grade girls who won the tournament championship beating previously undefeated Saint John Neumann along the way.

Coach Giles and Long's 5th grade girls team who were regular season and tournament champs defeating Saint John Neumann 30-9 in the championship game.

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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

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Following the 5:30 PM Mass, the St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus will hold their first ever Chili Cook-Off!

We need great chili cooks and adventurous tasters!

Watch the bulletin for details. For more information, contact Brian at 695-8445 or e-mail: Towranger@aol.com

IGNATIUS RETREAT WEEKEND

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Charleston is sponsoring an Ignatius Weekend Retreat for Women: Single or Married on April 17 to 19 at the Oratory in Rock Hill. The Spiritual exercises are based on the well-proven method of St. Ignatius Loyola preached by the priests of Miles Christi. It will begin at 4:00 PM on Friday and end at 4:00 PM on Sunday. There will be limited spaces for the retreat, so call Kathy Schmugge soon at 547-5063 or e-mail at famlifecor@earthlink.net to reserve your place. For more information, please visit www.spiritualexercises.net. Invite a friend; mothers invite your daughters (16 years or older.) The cost is \$150 for the retreat and includes retreat costs, housing for two nights and meals through Sunday morning.

HOME WORKS MISSION TRIP

Home Works will be collecting multi-vitamins for children and adult during the month of March. There is great need - up to 1,100 pounds of vitamins can be transported by eleven Home Works travelers bound for Zorritos, Peru Aug. 4-16.

For information, please contact Hank Chardos 781-4536.

SPRING FASHION SHOW

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Cardinal Bernardin Center - Neglia Hall

Sponsored by the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality to support the Youth Ministry of St. Peter's Church. Tickets \$10.00. Call Cheryl Freeman at 781-3095 for more information.

POLISH MASS

Mass will be celebrated in Polish by Fr. Marcin Zachuta on March 22 at 2:00 PM at St. Thomas More Center – USC located on 1610 Greene Street. Confession will be heard prior to the Mass at 1:00 PM. A covered dish dinner will follow the Mass, so please bring your favorite Polish dish and drink. Parking is available at the School of Nursing parking lot on Greene Street (a block from the Center). We especially invite the Polish students in the area. For more information, call St. Thomas More Center 799-5870 or Teresa Chmura at 540-1904 (w).

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charleston invites doctors, nurses and all others who would like to participate in the 5th Medical Mission from our diocese to San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala from Sunday, May 3 to Sunday, May 10. Join others in an experience of living among the poor and sharing in the Mayan culture around the region of Lake Atitlan. Put your faith into action by using your time, talent and treasure to be the face of Christ to the poor. For more information go to our website:

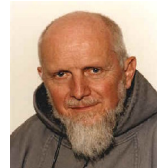
www.supportcatholiccharities.org

and the Medical Mission section for the mission application. More information may be obtained by calling Deacon Ed Peitler at (843) 402-9115 ext. 14.

GROWING IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE WITH FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL

Parish Mission at St. John Neumann

March 10 to 12



Schedule of Mission

Tuesday - **Talk in the Church at 7:00 PM**

Wednesday - **Mass & Talk at 12:00 Noon;**

Talk in the Church at 7:00 PM

Thursday - **Mass & Talk in the Church at 7:00 PM**
Confessions 5:00 to 6:00 PM each day with **Exposition**

Fr. Groeschel, CFR, is a priest, retreat master, author, psychologist, activist and television talk show host.

For information, please call Cherie at 788-3252 ext 21.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

Mr. Brian Prater

The College Seminary - Saint Andrew's Hall

Seton Hall University

400 South Orange Avenue

South Orange, New Jersey 07079

LENTEN DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS

Copies of the flyer listing Lenten Devotions and Lenten Regulations can be found in the Church, Parish Office and on the Parish Website:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org

Feast of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 19

Please Join Us!



Mass: 6:00 PM

Spaghetti Supper

7:00 - 8:30 PM



Menu:

spaghetti, salad, garlic bread,
dessert and iced tea.

All Are Welcome - Free of Charge

Sponsored by the St. Joseph School PTO



Third Annual Passover Seder

Father Richard Harris
cordially invites You to

The Third Annual Saint Joseph Catholic Church Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 7th 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 6:00 p.m. - Program begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.)

Parish Hall/Gym \$12.50 per person

To reserve your place for this special adult-centered evening, either return the form below with payment to the church office or call Susie Estes 206-3685.

Menu
Lamb
Vegetables & Potatoes
Challah Dessert Wine



Passover Seder - April 7th

Name of Attendees: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Amount enclosed: \$12.50 x ____ (per person) + \$ _____

Deadline for Reservations is April 2.

regnant . . . and need help?

DO YOU NEED HELP?

- You are pregnant — and your first thought is — “No — not me — oh please, — not me!”
- You are scared... resentful... angry.
- Your whole world is changing and you don't want to face it. Not now — not yet.
- You want yesterday again.
- Who will listen and really understand how upset you are? BIRTHRIGHT!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

- How can I be sure I am pregnant?
- How should I tell my family?
- Can I continue in school?... keep my job?
- Where can I obtain good medical care?
- What about finances?
- Can I keep my baby?
- Is marriage the solution?
- Where can I live until my baby is born?

HOW DO WE HELP YOU?

- Anonymous pregnancy test
 - Education guidance
 - Shelter home
 - Community resource information
 - Maternity clothes/layettes
 - Medical care
 - Legal advice
 - Help with job placement
 - Referral for professional counseling
 - Adoption information
- ...and other ways depending on your particular circumstances. We help you to think about your future and that of your baby and give you as much or as little assistance as you need or desire. Birthright cares about you. We know you are facing perhaps the greatest personal crises of your life. You don't have to face it alone.

TRUST US

Don't be pressured into an abortion by your friends, family or doctor. Birthright offers the alternative to abortion. Birthright is staffed by trained volunteers and operates on financial donations from individuals and organizations. Birthright is independent; non-political, non-sectarian and prepared to help you whether you are single or married, regardless of age, race or religion. Our help is free and confidential. Give life a chance and we'll help you every step of the way.

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBIA

A non-profit organization staffed solely by volunteers who are dedicated to offering women a chance to give birth with dignity and pride.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BIRTHRIGHT?

Please return to: Birthright of Columbia, 2318 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205 • 803.765.0165

WOULD YOU HELP BY:

- Being an office volunteer?
- Inviting a Birthright speaker to your church, group or organization?
- Hosting a baby shower?
- Donating clothes or health care items?
- Making a monetary donation to help cover the cost of pregnancy tests, medical care and/or advertising in the yellow pages?

I support your wonderful work and would like to help financially by enclosing \$ _____

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE