

Fourth Sunday of Easter

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual	1,156,062.45
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 4-26-09	24,607.73
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	2,337.12
Parish Debt (as of 5-1-09)	133,865.86

"Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"

Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	2,001,499.69

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

See John 10:12

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

All are invited to our Community (Welcome) Sunday, Mother's Day, May 10. We will have refreshments after the 8:15, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM Masses. Please join us in the lobby of the Rowland Education Building to visit with old friends and meet new parishioners. May's Community Sunday is sponsored by the St. Joseph Women's Society.

SECOND COLLECTION - DEBT REDUCTION

There will be a second collection for Parish Debt Reduction next weekend.

PARISH DINNERS

This is the last dinner for the school year. This week's menu: LaBrasca's pizza, salad, dessert and beverages. **See you in September!**



SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning Saturday evening, June 13, the Church will be closed for renovations. Masses and Confessions will be held in the Parish Hall/Gym. Adoration will be closed for the Summer.

The Summer Mass Schedule beginning June 13:

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:15, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM
no 5:30 PM Sunday Mass

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 AM
Tuesday: 5:30 PM

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

SCHOOL NEWS



School News

This week our second graders (and one fourth grader) are in the "home stretch" of preparation for their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 9. Please pray for these children. They have been asked to remember you in their prayers as well! This is a very good time for us all to remember the proper and reverent way to receive the Holy Eucharist:

- **As we join the Communion Procession, we are united as the Body of Christ, moving forward together to share in this sacred meal.** Communicants are asked to respectfully process to the front of the church with their hands folded in a sign of prayer. Talking, chewing gum, hugging or greeting people are all strongly discouraged.
- **In this country, Communion is received standing.** When the Eucharist is received, communicants should bow slightly before receiving.
- **A communicant may receive in the hand or on the tongue.** If you receive on the tongue - Do Not peck with your head or take the host with your teeth. Open your mouth, extend your tongue and allow the minister to place the host on your tongue.
- **The person distributing Communion will say to each person receiving, "The Body of Christ" (or "The Blood of Christ.")** The communicant should respond, "Amen." The Host must be consumed as soon as it has been received.
- **When a communicant receives consecrated wine from the chalice, the person should receive the chalice and take a reverent sip.** Communicants are not permitted to dip the Host into the chalice.
- **Upon returning to their seats, communicants should offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God, especially by singing the Communion hymn.**

Remember, our children are watching you! Your example and quiet instruction mean so much! Have a blessed week!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR PART-TIME HOURS AND ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN?

St. Joseph School **Extended Care Program** needs your help, starting immediately and also for the 2009-2010 school year. The hours are 2:30 to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. Please call the school office at 254-6736 ext. 10 for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

In honor of Mothers Day there will be no Youth Group next Sunday, May 10.

May 3, 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday is the last class for Religious Education, except for the 8 grade, which will meet until May 13.

The May Procession originally scheduled for Sunday, May 10 has been cancelled.

Religious Education Registration Forms for the 2009-10 school year were sent home with the students. If your child will be returning to CCD in the fall, you should return the registration form with fees by May 6. Forms may also be obtained by visiting the parish website at:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

Rehearsal for First Holy Communion will be on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 PM for those students who are assigned to the 10:00 Mass, and at 7:30 PM for the 1:00 PM Mass.

First Holy Communion will take place next Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Fr. Harris will conduct a tour of the church for the second grade CCD students at 6:25 PM in the church on Wed., May 6. Students should meet in their classroom at 6:15 PM.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

There will be a Baptism Seminar on Sunday, **May 17**. 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 stjoedre@aol.com

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

St. Joseph Women's Society **Day Guild** will meet Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00 AM in the St. Francis de Sales House. Call Nancy Godbold at 782-0199 for more information.

St. Joseph Women's Society **Evening Guild** will meet Thursday, May 7 at 7:15 PM in the Pastoral Life Center, lower level. Call Regina Spell at 776-9575 for more information.

All ladies are welcome and invited to attend.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

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

William Michael Preston Blair
John David Cuda
Brice Dowling Jones
Silas Vincenzo Logan
Alicia Carolina McRoy

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

Jaclyn Marie Glandon & Terrance Michael O'Neil

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 3

8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
10:30 AM Mrs. Helen Lynch +
12:15 PM Miss Kate Bockman +
5:30 PM Mrs. Frances Naccash +

Monday, May 4

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, May 5

7:30 AM Mrs. Lorraine Warner +
5:30 PM Mrs. Olga Buonauro +

Wednesday, May 6

7:30 AM Mr. Ken Taylor (I)

Thursday, May 7

7:30 AM Mrs. Frances Naccash +

Friday, May 8

7:30 AM Mrs. Genevieve Linton +
8:15 AM Ms. Toni Child +

Saturday, May 9

5:30 PM Cathy Rollings & past presidents of the Evening Guild

Sunday, May 10

8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
10:30 AM All Mothers living & deceased
12:15 PM Mrs. Julia Khoury Shahid +
5:30 PM Elanie & Bud Towey +

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR CHURCH RENOVATIONS

The Church has been in need of interior renovations for a number of years. The colors have faded and become dull and drab which does not accurately project the vibrant spiritual life of our active parish. The sound system and lighting in the sanctuary, nave and choir loft are inadequate. The following improvements are to be completed this summer:

- Improved Lighting
- Fresh Coats of Paint
- Replace Ceiling over Altar in Sanctuary
- Improved Sound System
- Cleaning of all marble, oriental rugs, and stained glass windows
- Installation of electronic door openers at Bonhan Street ramp entrance

These improvements will brighten and enhance the beauty of our worship and celebration space.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Special need: a washer and dryer for two families as well as a sofa, end tables, lamps, rocking chair, etc. To donate, please contact Lew Warren at 237-0579 .

May 3, 2009

NEWS FROM BISHOP GUGLIELMONE

Since arriving in South Carolina and assuming my role as Bishop of the Diocese, I have been impressed by the kindness and generosity of the people I have met here. I have heard many wonderful stories about how parishioners serve those whose needs are greatest among us - the poor, the elderly, the newly-arrived in our country, children, those who have lost their jobs, and those imprisoned.

Mother's Day has traditionally been the time that our diocesan Church has set aside for us to recall those blessings bestowed on us by God and to remember in a special way those who suffer in fulfillment of their human needs. Catholic Charities is there to provide regular emergency financial assistance, and other specialized services as well. In the Up-state region, as well as in Charleston, immigration attorneys assist those who are newly arrived to our country with completion of necessary documentation required of them by our government - and does so for only nominal fees.

In Charleston, the Pee Dee, Midlands and Greenville areas there are specialized programs specifically focused on the needs of the elderly - especially those who live alone.

In the Low-Country, the coordination of statewide prison ministry is underway and new volunteers from among the parishes are being recruited to fulfill the corporal work of mercy of visiting those imprisoned. In Beaufort, Catholic Charities is developing what is hoped to be a model program for working with children whose parents are incarcerated.

In Charleston, Catholic Charities operates the Carter-May Home (for women) / St. Joseph's Assisted Living Residence (for the retired priests of our diocese) which provides care at a reasonable cost. These programs cannot exist without financial support from Catholics across our diocese. **Catholic Charities depends heavily on the proceeds from this collection.** I ask that you join me and support this most valuable work of our diocese. This collection will be taken up in all parishes on Mother's Day weekend, March 9 & 10.



ALL ARE INVITED
COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF
BIG BAND MUSIC
AND A SPAGHETTI DINNER



St. Joseph Senior Life Ministry presents:
Bob Knox & the Blue Serenade Orchestra

Friday, May 22
6:00 - 9:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish Hall/Gym
Serving for Dinner Begins at 5:30 PM

Cost: \$10.

Please return form with payment of \$10 per person by May 20 to:
St. Joseph Senior Life • 3512 Devine St. • Columbia, SC 29205
Make checks payable to "St. Joseph Senior Life"

Name: _____

Phone: _____

No. Attending: _____

For more information, please contact Sr. Julienne Guy at 540-1901.