

## The Ascension of the Lord

### OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,489,997.00
YTD Actual .....	1,169,794.10
Weekly Budget .....	28,653.79
Offertory -- 4-27-08 .....	27,009.10
Catholic Home Mission Appeal .....	2,297.65
 Parish Debt (as of 4-17-08) .....	 249,455.87
 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"	
Pledged .....	3,077,583.93
Received .....	1,143,965.02

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth — to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

### HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS [www.cym1.com](http://www.cym1.com)

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

We will not have youth group next Sunday, May 11, in honor of Mother's Day.

Our last Young Ladies Faith Sharing meeting will be this Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym.



### FLOWERS

**The flowers on the Main Altar** this weekend are in loving memory of Fr. Jerome Powers and are given by Todd Crump.

### IN MEMORY



**The Tabernacle Vigil Candle** (May 4 -May 17) is in loving memory of David L. Baney and is given by Mary DeLay.

### CN SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Learning should not end when the summer begins. To keep your students' bodies and brains active during their summer vacations, enroll them in one of Cardinal Newman School's exciting Summer Camps! For more information, please visit the web site:

[http://www.cnhs.org/summer\\_camps.asp](http://www.cnhs.org/summer_camps.asp)

**Register early!** Some camp programs fill up fast. Contact Mike Darnell, AD, for more information: 782-2814, ext. 35.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

**I Care I Share Sunday** is this week. We have a great need of canned fruit, fruit juices, rice, dry beans, powder laundry detergent and personal hygiene items. As always, thank you for your generosity.

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish*

**Duke Medical Center:** Debbie Hottel

**Baptist:** Ethel Trahan, Anne Dudek

### SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parish Friends,

Thank you for sharing in Saint Joseph School recognition Sunday! We are so appreciative of the support of our wonderful Pastor, Father Harris. Great things are always happening at Saint Joseph School. Please schedule an appointment to come and see the school, even if you do not have school age children. We also welcome your gifts and talents as volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact the office: 254-6736 and we will let you know of the many opportunities.

### This week:

May 6 **Golf Tournament** - It is not too late to participate! Please call the school office for information.

Second Grade field trip to Challenger Space Center

May 9 Mass - 8:15 AM

Fifth Grade field trip to Ripley's Aquarium at Myrtle Beach

May 10 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM First Holy Communion Masses

May 11 Mother's Day - God Bless our Mothers!

### SAINTS SOCCER CAMP

Registration is now underway for the SAINTS Soccer Camp. Camp will be held the week of June 16 to 20 from 9:00 AM to Noon at Woodland Park on Olde Knight Parkway (behind the VA Hospital). The camp is open to boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of age (campers will be separated by age and ability) and will be directed by Saint Joseph Athletic Director, Todd Wilkinson. Applications are available at the church and school offices and in the literature rack in the nathex of the church. The fee is \$65 which includes a camp T-shirt. Please pre-register by Friday, May 30. For further information, please contact Todd at 540-1908.

The application form is also available online at [www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth\\_athletics.html](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth_athletics.html)

### SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

**Mr. Jason Oakes**

Pontifical College Josephinum

7625 N. High St.

Columbus, OH 43235

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our last Religious Education class for this year is on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 PM.

Thank you to all the catechists who taught in our program this year: K5 – Lila Anna Sauls, Heather Gales, Ruby Elenz; 1 – Krista Parrott, Karin Haile; 2 – Carolyn Wagner, Mark Nix; 3 – Jo Killoy, Karen Tawes; 4 – Madeline Broderick, Helen Hughes; 5 – Arthur Aiken, Dianne Dawson; 6 – Quico Albert, Dev Thakur; 7 – Dave Murday, Tracy McCarthy; 8 – John Waters, Dan Wagner, Ed Riberdy.

Registration is now open for our 2008-09 Religious Education Program. In order to secure your place in our program prior to open registration in August, registrations, along with fees, should be completed and returned to the parish office. You may also download the form from the parish website at [www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious\\_education.html](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/religious_education.html)

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Rehearsals for First Communion will be at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM on Friday, May 9.

## PARISH DINNERS

Our last Parish Dinner for the 2007-08 season is on Wednesday from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM. The menu for this week is LaBrasca's pizza, beverages and dessert.

## IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR USHERS

We need an up-to-date directory of Ushers. Please provide your full name, home address, telephone numbers (home, work & cell) and e-mail address, as well as the Mass you attend to Mary Kay Rushman - by fax: 799-7607, e-mail: [stjoemkr@aol.com](mailto:stjoemkr@aol.com) or put the information in the collection basket. Thank you.

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA THE EUCHARIST: OUR VERY LIFE

As a medical doctor and licensed psychotherapist, Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald knows very well the deep hunger and inner needs of the human heart. He explains how the Holy Eucharist becomes the core and center of our lives since only Jesus can fill what is lacking within the human spirit that is bruised and broken. Discover the immensity of God's love revealed by His Real Presence.

## SENIOR WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Senior women are invited to attend a Bible study discussion at 10:00 AM on Tuesdays at the St. Francis de Sales House. For more information call Janet O'Keefe at 782-0886.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 4

8:15 AM Mrs. Lillian Gray +  
10:30 AM Baby John Paul Christopher Lewis +  
12:15 PM Bobby & Bob Collins +  
5:30 PM Mr. Frank Walker +

### Monday, May 5

7:30 AM Rosary

### Tuesday, May 6

7:30 AM Mr. George W. Brady +  
5:30 PM Deceased members of Schickory  
Joseph Family

### Wednesday, May 7

7:30 AM Mrs. Anne Dudek (I)

### Thursday, May 8

7:30 AM Mr. William McKinley +

### Friday, May 9

7:30 AM Mr. Robert Collins, Sr. +  
8:15 AM Mr. Joseph Cole +

### Saturday, May 10

5:30 PM Mrs. Maria Alvarez +

### Sunday, May 11

8:15 AM Mr. Lewis Hollis +  
10:30 AM Baby Abigail Taylor Long +  
12:15 PM The Ancestors of Bui +  
5:30 PM Mrs. Vera B. Morris +

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Joseph VBS will be in July this year. Please watch the bulletin for the exact dates.

## VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY

Patient care volunteers at Palmetto Health Baptist continue their ministry of compassion, emotional support and direct hands-on care to hospitalized patients. A new Personal Touch Volunteer role provides additional staff assistance and follow-up contact after a patient is discharged. If your interest includes ministering to the sick, giving either direct or indirect assistance, you can learn more about Personal Touch Volunteers at [www.palmettohealth.org](http://www.palmettohealth.org), or by calling Rebekah Sease at 296-5570 for a brochure. Please apply by May 9 to qualify for June training. Become a part of a nursing team with your own role in patient care!

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“Mary is the arsenal of graces, and she rushes to the aid of her children. She sustains, strengthens, and renews them by means of the heavenly favors she heaps on them.”

*St. Paulinus of Nola (354-431AD)*

**BE A HOST FAMILY THIS SUMMER  
IRISH CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM**

Looking for a fun-filled summer while staying in Columbia? Want to do something that has a real impact on promoting peace? Would you like to expand your family's cultural experience? The Irish Children's Summer Program is celebrating their 25th summer of bringing children, ages 9 and 10 years old, from Belfast, Northern Ireland to the Columbia/Lexington area. **They are now recruiting host families and hope you will consider opening your home from June 27 to August 3.** You can make a difference in the life of a child and help promote peace. For more information, please call, Katie Herbkersman at 776-6497.

**SENIOR LIFE**

**Dance Classes in May** - Our own Sal & Janice DiMaria will offer another session of dance lessons, with a new twist "Basic Latin Dance". No fee required! No partner required! Come for four Fridays in May: 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th - St. Joseph Hall/Gym from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. It will be easy! It will be fun!

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER: MARY & RESPECT LIFE**



Come celebrate Mary, Mother of God with the Respect Life Guild in her month of May. On May 5, the guild will sponsor Anne Drolet for its monthly meeting at 6:30 PM at Lizard's Thicket on Beltline. Mrs. Drolet will discuss the role of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, in the Respect Life Movement. This talk will prove to be both informative and insightful. Join us for dinner!

Questions? Contact Marie Connelly at 803.331.1589 or marieconnelly@gmail.com

**TEACHING POSITIONS**

Saint Joseph Catholic School is looking for qualified teachers to fill three openings at the school: 3rd, 5th and 6th grades for the 2008-09 School Year. Applicants should possess SC certification in elementary education and a desire to teach in a wonderful, Catholic school. Please submit resume to:

Mrs. Roselyn K. Tindall, Principal  
Saint Joseph School  
3700 Devine Street  
Columbia SC 29205

rtindall@stjosdevine.com or 254-6736

**ROSARIES FOR UNBORN**

Please submit your Rosary prayer count from *One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies and their Families* on Saturday, May 3 to Marie Connelly at:

marieconnelly@gmail.com

We will report our numbers to the national website:

<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org>

**COFFEE HOUSE KARAOKE NIGHT  
MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND**

Our Lady of the Hills Church- Family Life Center

Friday, May 9 - from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Tickets: Singles \$5 & Family \$15

Includes: featuring a silent auction, live performances from local singers/songwriters/parishioners, gourmet coffee and international desserts.

**WISH LIST  
SO YOU WANT TO KNOW  
HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

Here is a sample of some of the items the teachers and students have on their wish list.

Please call the school to see the complete wish list or if you can donate one of these items:

- Smart Board**
- for the new Science/Advanced Math Lab**
- Televisions & DVD/VCR Players**
- Large Children's Rug**
- Computer Flash Drives**
- Electric Pencil Sharpeners**
- Class Sets of Student Dictionaries**
- Brio Train Set**
- Gift Cards to:**
- Target, Staples, Educational Wonderland**
- Pinatas**
- Jump Ropes**
- Tambourine and other Musical Instruments**
- Year of Tuition for a Child \$4,680**
- Volunteers - always needed**



## PAVER STONES

We have a limited number of granite paver stones available for engraving. The paver stones surround the fountain and statue of St. Joseph. Engravings are available for Memorials, Weddings, Births, Anniversaries, Sacramental Events, etc.

Contributions for the paver stones are \$300 each. Purchasing a paver stone will be a lasting testament of your goodness and generosity. For years to come, each time you or your family and friends see the stone paver they will be reminded of the event. Make your tax deductible remembrance a part of St. Joseph's history.

If you wish to order a paver stone, please complete the form below and attach your check for \$300.00 (each). Place the form and payment in the offertory or return to the Church Office. Please make checks payable to "St. Joseph Catholic Church Endowment."

St. Joseph Church • 3512 Devine St. • Columbia SC 29205

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### PAVER INSCRIPTION

Up to 17 characters per line (including spaces) • Maximum 3 lines


Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution: \$300 per paver. (Payment plans available)  
Contributions are tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.