

The Ascension of the Lord

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual.....	1,243,455.34
Weekly Budget	28,846.15
Offertory -- 5-17-09	25,310.49
Catholic Communication Campaign.....	1,834.06
Parish Debt (as of 5-1-09)	133,865.86

"Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"

Pledged	3,118,479.71
Received	2,057,201.69

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.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

St. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

There will be a **Second Collection on Sunday, May 31** (Fifth Sunday) for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. As always, thank you for your support and generosity.

TRIBUTES

The Flowers on the Altar this weekend are in honor of those who received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2009.



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.

Weekend Mass Schedule beginning Saturday, June 13:

(Weekend Masses will be in the Parish Hall/Gym)

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

Daily Mass Schedule beginning Wednesday, June 10:

(Daily Masses will be in the Parish Hall/Gym)

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

It is hard to believe that we only have two weeks of school left! Gracious, where does the time go?

May 25	All School Facilities Closed—Memorial Day
May 26	10:00 AM: Character Assembly in the Gym
May 27	12:15 PM: Student Cantor Luncheon
May 28	Saint Joseph Field Day
May 29	8:15 AM: Mass; 9:30 AM: 5K "Beach" Party

School will close at Noon on June 5...we will have summer hours posted in next week's bulletin. Have a happy week!

SAINTS SOCCER CAMP

Registration is now underway for the SAINTS Soccer Camp to be held the week of June 15 to 19 from 9:00 AM to Noon at Woodland Park. The camp is open to boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of age and will be directed by Saint Joseph Youth Athletics Director, Todd Wilkinson. Applications are available at the Saint Joseph Pastoral Life Center, school office, and in the Narthex of the Church. The fee is \$65 which includes a camp T-shirt. Please pre-register by Monday, June 1. For further information, please contact Todd Wilkinson at 540-1908.

The application is also available online at:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth_athletics.html

A BUS RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS

St. Joseph Church has use of the "5 Points Wheels" bus from the Capital Senior Center to offer rides to the 12:15 PM Mass. This service is available to **seniors** or **adults** with disabilities and will be available every Sunday. For more information, please call Sister Julienne Guy at 540-1901.



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 & Sound Systems
- Fresh Coats of Paint
- Replace Ceiling over Altar in Sanctuary
- 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume on Wednesday, September 9. Registration Forms for the 2009-10 school year can be obtained from the parish website at:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org

NURSERY NEWS



The **last** Sunday for the use of the nursery is next Sunday - **May 31**. It will be closed for the summer. Thank you to Katie, Angie, Julie and all the volunteers in helping make our nursery a safe and nurturing place. Have a great summer!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of **Bobby Knuckley**. May his soul rest in peace.

FIRST COMMUNION THANKS

Many Thanks to our Catechists: Carolyn Wagner and Mark Nix and 2nd Grade Teachers: Barbara Hevia and Joanne Anderson who prepared the children for their special day.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

The following children received the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion

May 9, 2009

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| Emely Adame-Ramirez | Jacob Brant Lenski |
| Claire Mercer Adams | Joseph Braden Long |
| Lily Aileen Aiken | Philomena Marie Luckey |
| Mary Kelly Allen | Luke Samuel Lumpkin |
| Matthew Brian Binette | Ethan Dennis Massengale |
| Olivia Coleman Blair | Michael Foster Mayes |
| Olivia Bresnahan | Kedron Reid Moser |
| Caroline Isabelle Brooks | Emiliana Ree Mullaney |
| Declan Robert Carroll | Caroline DuRant Muzekari |
| John Francis Chapman | Sidney Elizabeth Nottingham |
| Julian Riley Coletta | John Thomas Parnell |
| Martin Andrew Darazs | Braden Dale Phillips |
| William Palmer Dayhuff | Natalie Marie Pickel |
| Aidan Jeffrey DeJames | Theresa Anne Pickler |
| William Carrere Dodenhoff, Jr. | Trevor Thomas Reed |
| Katherine Elizabeth Flowers | Michael Clarendon Sauls |
| Anna Catherine Fuller | Cooper Lewis Schroeder |
| Thomas Blake Huggins Giles | Michael James Smyth |
| Jose de Jesus Gonzalez | Lauren Marie Stone |
| Ainsley Cooper Gossett | Charles Alexander Stricklin |
| Shelby Elizabeth Hall | Grace Anne Stricklin |
| Kelly Elizabeth Heebner | Caroline Marie Sykes |
| Roland William Herbkersman | John Samuel Tindall |
| Grace Ann Hinnant | Matthew Jennings Tucker |
| James Thomas Johnson | Matthew Church Weiland |
| Rose Elizabeth Hamilton | Lenora Mae Wilkerson |
| Khoury | Kathleen Lynn Williams |
| Miranda Isabel Kinard | |

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 24

- 8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
- 10:30 AM Master Christopher Rivera (I)
- 12:15 PM Mrs. Frances K. Naccash +
- 5:30 PM Miss Madeline D. Cassanova +

Monday, May 25

- 7:30 AM *Rosary*

Tuesday, May 26

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Carmen E. Novellas +
- 5:30 PM Mr. George Bergen +

Wednesday, May 27

- 7:30 AM Elaine & James Towey +

Thursday, May 28

- 7:30 AM Mr. William Killooy +

Friday, May 29

- 7:30 AM Anna & Lawrence Lamberty +
- 8:15 AM Mrs. Genevieve Egleston +

Saturday, May 30

- 5:30 PM Mr. Carl Niggel +

Sunday, May 31

- 8:15 AM Mr. Albert Asmer +
- 10:30 AM Mrs. Virginia Tiemann +
- 12:15 PM Mr. Adrian L. Roberson +
- 5:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

ST. GIANNA RESPECT LIFE GUILD

The next meeting of the St. Gianna Respect Life Guild will be held on **Monday, June 1, at 6:30 PM** in the **St. Francis de Sales House**. We will be discussing possible future projects, including: 40 Days for Life, Life Chain, and potential speakers. For more information on the meeting or the Guild, please call John at 736-4131, e-mail: info@stgiannaguild.org, or visit:

www.stgiannaguild.org

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED**

Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



**WELCOME
NEW PARISHIONERS**
We extend a warm welcome to the newest parishioners of **St. Joseph Church:**

- Ms. Leah Beckham
- Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Crane III
- Miss Laura Garner
- Ms. Lindy Landen
- Mr. Michael Lettre

May 24, 2009

RIGHT TO LIFE ~ TEENS FOR LIFE

The 37th annual National Right to Life Convention and the Teens for Life Convention will be held June 18-20 in Charlotte, NC at the Blake Hotel. For convention information, please call South Carolina Citizens for Life at 252-5433 or visit:

www.stopabortionagenda.com/convention

MARIAN CONFERENCE

The 2009 Greenville Marian Conference, "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist," sponsored by the Medjugorje/Marian Information Center, Inc., will be held June 26 & 27 at the Peace Center for the Performing Arts in Greenville, SC. Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., Mother Assumpta Long, O.P., and Marcus Grodi (EWTN, The Journey Home) are among the distinguished speakers. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$20 for youths/students. For more information and ticket registration, please call Carleen Maher at (864) 255-5646 or visit:

www.greenvillemarianconference.org

CNHS SPORT CAMPS

Cardinal Newman School offers sport camps: volleyball, cheerleading, soccer, football, baseball & basketball during the Summer. For information, please visit:

www.cnhs.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

*"After I finally dealt with my abortion and allowed myself to grieve the loss, I was able to **reclaim** my broken maternity."*

Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and find healing and peace. For more information, please call Christy at 554-6088 or Kathy at 546-6010.

PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY

12 days Jubilee Year of St. Paul to Turkey

Hosted by Fr. 'Rick LaBrecque

St. James Catholic Church, Conway, SC

\$2,299 per person including air!

October 28 - November 8

For a full color brochure and more information, please call Fr. LaBrecque at: (843) 347-5168.

FIRE AT THE BEACH CONFERENCE

Diocese of Charleston biennial conference: **Fire at the Beach** ~ Fri. & Sat. - **Sept. 18 & 19** at St. Francis by the Sea, Hilton Head Island. For more information about the conference, lodging, and early bird registration, please visit:

www.fireatthebeach.org



What: Vacation Bible School
When: July 6 - July 11, 9:00 am -12:00 noon
Where: Saint Joseph School Cafeteria
Who: Children ages 3 through Grade 5
Why: To have fun learning about God's Word!



Register online:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org
Fee: \$25 per child
Deadline: June 22



Volunteers Wanted! Students from grades 7 - 12
Register online! Deadline for Volunteers: June 20