

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget..... 1,500,000.00
 YTD Actual 565,715.47
 Weekly Budget 28,846.15
 Offertory -- 11-23-08 30,596.07
 Campaign for Human Development 2,781.72
 Parish Debt (as of 11-1-08) 193,487.12

 "Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future"
 Pledged 3,118,479.71
 Received 1,632,476.25

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

TRIBUTES

The Rose on Mary's Altar this weekend is in loving memory of Maria Alvarez and is given by her family.



The Tabernacle Vigil Candle (November 30 - December 13) is in loving memory of Michael Derrick and is given by his father.

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

Chilly weather is here and so are coughs and sniffles in our youngest church members. The Sunday nursery is asking for donations of **hand sanitizer and boxes of tissue**. Please bring them to the 4K classroom before the 8:15 or 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. Thank you!

PENANCE SERVICE

**ST. JOSEPH PENANCE SERVICE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 7:00 PM**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

You are invited to prepare for the birth of Jesus by attending an Advent Penance Service at one of the area churches.

All services are scheduled for 7:00 PM

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| Monday, December 1 | St. Thomas More, USC |
| Thursday, December 4 | St. Joseph |
| Wednesday, December 10 | Our Lady of the Lake |
| Thursday, December 11 | Transfiguration |
| Monday, December 15 | St. Peter |
| Tuesday, December 16 | St. Martin de Porres |
| Wednesday, December 17 | Our Lady of the Hills |
| Thursday, December 18 | Corpus Christi |
| Friday, December 19 | St. John Neumann |

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Baptist: Peggy Hunt
Providence: Frank Stiglbauer



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parish Friends,

It is Advent! The children will be gathering each morning in the front hallway for our morning prayer around the Advent Wreath. This prayer led by Sister Maria has become a beloved tradition among our students and faculty. We conclude the ceremony each morning by singing:

*Candle Candle Burning Bright
Shining in the Cold Winter Night
Candle Candle Burning Bright
Fill our Hearts with Christmas Light!*

God Bless you and yours during this special Advent Season. We will remember you in our prayers and we kindly ask you to do the same for us. God Bless You!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

www.cym1.com

We will not have Youth Group today due to the Thanksgiving break. **We will meet next Sunday, December 7,** from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym.

**Washington D.C. Youth and March for Life
January 21 to 22, 2009.**

All high school youth are invited to travel with us to join 200,000 others in protest of abortion. This is an overnight trip and the cost is only \$35 for active youth ministry students and \$80 for non-member youth. Call John for details.

For more information on our activities, call John Waters at 238-6131.

**COLUMBIA FILIPINO-AMERICAN
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

will be held at St. Joseph Parish Hall/Gym from 7:00 to 11:00 PM on **Saturday, December 13**. The cost to attend the event is \$13 per person for Society members, \$15 per person for non-members, \$6 for children 6-12 years old, and free to children under six years of age. Tickets may be reserved in advance or purchased at the door. All are invited. For further information, visit the association's web site at www.filamsc.org.

November 30, 2008

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume on Wednesday this week.

Parents of second grade students are reminded that "My Booklet about God's Love and Forgiveness" is due to be completed and turned in to the catechists this week.

PARISH DINNERS

A hot meal will be available from 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym on Religious Education Wednesdays. The cost for dinners will be \$5.00 / adult, \$3.00 / child under 12 or \$12.00 / family. This week's menu: chicken teriyaki, yellow rice, broccoli, rolls, dessert and beverages.

CHRIST CHILD CELEBRATION FESTIVAL

- based on the Christkindlmarkt -

an old European tradition of open air street markets associated with the seasons of Advent and Christmas

Saturday, December 6, 12:00 noon to 7:00 PM

Transfiguration Catholic Church

9720 Wilson Blvd., Blythewood, SC

For more information, please call Beth Franco at 708-1688.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of **Edith Rocco**. May her soul rest in peace.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



to benefit
the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Sunday, December 7, 2008

following

8:15 and 10:30 AM Masses

\$5.00 per person or

\$18.00 per family

Parish Hall / Gym

Sponsored by

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus
Council #12554



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 30

8:15 AM Mr. George Goodwin +

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph

12:15 PM Mrs. Pamela Atkins Sizemore +

5:30 PM Mr. William Ramachuk +

Monday, December 1

7:30 AM Rosary

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 AM Mrs. Lee Peloquin +

5:30 PM The deceased members of the Schickory Joseph Family

Wednesday, December 3

7:30 AM Hazel & Robert Thompson +

Thursday, December 4

7:30 AM Mr. Hugh Fenzel (I)

Friday, December 5

7:30 AM Mr. Louis Gonda +

8:15 AM Mrs. Katharina Hinterleitner +

Saturday, December 6

5:30 PM Mrs. Josefa O. Carrero +

Sunday, December 7

8:15 AM Mrs. Virginia Williams +

10:30 AM Deceased members of the Buckner Family

12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

5:30 PM Mr. Jamie Carrero +

ADVENT MASS

of ANOINTING & HEALING

Thursday, December 4 at 12:00 noon

Anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is invited to attend this Mass.

"CELEBRATE THE SEASON"

with the Columbia Choral Society

on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 PM

at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for the concert. Church members may purchase tickets at a discount of \$10 in the church office or at the door the day of the concert. For information and tickets, please call 933-9060.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

Mr. Stephen Beach

The College Seminary - Saint Andrew's Hall

Seton Hall University

400 South Orange Ave.

South Orange, New Jersey 07079



*The Choirs of
St. Joseph
Catholic Church
invite you to*



A Festival of Lessons and Carols

*This candlelight service features St. Joseph's Adult and Children's Choirs,
handbells, organ, piano, harp, flutes, trumpet, and percussion.*

*Through scripture readings and carols the
miraculous story of Christ's Nativity is told.
Be renewed and refreshed with the true spirit of Christmas!*

*Sunday,
December 7th
at 3:00 pm*



*Tuesday,
December 9th
at 7:00 pm*

St. Joseph Catholic Church
3600 Devine Street • Columbia, South Carolina

*(803) 254-7646 ext. 12
www.stjosephchurchchoir.org*

2008 St. Joseph Giving Tree

Parish Outreach



Give a Gift to Those in Need

Parishioners are invited to take cards from the "Giving Tree" and to buy gifts for those in need. These Christmas gifts will be given to people in our school/parish, St. Martin de Porres' school/parish and our community.

The Giving Trees are located in the lobby of the Rowland Education Building and Narthex of the Church beginning this Weekend, Nov. 22 & 23.

All gifts (clothes, books, toys, ...) must be new and unwrapped. Please keep the Giving Tree card attached. You may place your gifts in the boxes located near St. Joseph's Altar in the Church or in the Church Office.

**All gifts must be returned on or before
Sunday, December 14.**

Additional Ways to Participate:

We need donations of wrapping and tissue paper, gift bags and boxes, ribbons, bows and tape.

We need volunteers to help deliver gifts:
the week of December 15-19.

Monetary Donations are always welcome! Make checks payable to "St. Joseph Giving Tree Fund."

Fr. Harris invites parishioners who are unable to provide gifts for their family to contact him personally at: 254-7646 ext. 16.

All information will remain strictly confidential.