

**OFFERTORY**

Offertory Budget.....	1,500,000.00
YTD Actual .....	358,198.60
Weekly Budget .....	28,846.15
Offertory -- 9-28-08 .....	24,501.27
Parish Debt (as of 9-3-08) .....	202,701.98

**“Pride in Our Past - Faith in Our Future”**

Pledged .....	3,118,479.71
Received .....	1,472,289.75

*In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?*

**TRIBUTES**



**The flowers on the Main Altar** this weekend are in loving memory of Mary Rose Schuessler and are given by her family.



**The Tabernacle Vigil Candle** (October 5-18) is in loving memory of Charles & Jessie Bultman and is given by their daughter Mary.

**YOUTH INTERFAITH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Registration for **Saint Joseph’s Interfaith Basketball Teams** (3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys and girls) and for the **Saint Joseph Peewee League** (5, 6 and 7 year olds) is now underway. Information and applications are available at the church and school offices, in the Narthex of the Church and on the parish website:

[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth\\_athletics.html](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth_athletics.html)

Teams are open to parish youth.

The registration deadline is **Monday, October 20** and the fee for participation is \$45. For further information, please contact Todd Wilkinson at the Pastoral Life Center at 540-1908.

**WELCOME SUNDAY**

**All are invited** to our Community Welcome Sunday, October 12. 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.

**FLU SHOTS**

Tri-County Home Health Care will be giving Flu Shots at St. Joseph on Tuesday, October 28 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM in the Pastoral Life Center, lower level. The fee for non-Medicare is \$25.00. For information, call 540-1901.

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish*

**Providence:** Margaret Khoury



**SCHOOL NEWS**

Dear Parish Friends,

We hope that you all are enjoying the fall weather as much as we are!

This week, we have another full week of school leading into a three day weekend (Columbus Day is October 13 and we are closed). On Friday, October 10, at 8:15 AM we will have our school Mass. Please plan to join us.

Thank you to all of you who are using your trips to the grocery stores to support the school. We truly appreciate your enthusiasm!

**PROVIDENCE HOSPITALS HEART LIGHTS**

Looking for a special way to remember a loved one or honor a friend? Place their name on the Providence Hospitals’ Heart Light Trees by making a donation of \$10 or more to the Sisters of Charity Providence Hospital Auxiliary. Each donor will receive an acknowledgement card and a notification will be sent to each designated recipient. A tree lighting prayer service will be held in the hospital’s new lobby, 2435 Forest Drive at 11:00 AM, December 11 and in the Northeast Hospital Chapel, 120 Gateway Corporate Blvd. at 11:00 AM, December 10. To place an order, please contact the Volunteer Office at Providence Hospital, 256-5318 or Mary Sox, Chairperson of Heart Lights Fund Raiser at 787-1607. All Heart Light gifts are tax deductible.

**ROSARIES FOR LIFE 2008**

Please pray that we may all be authentic witnesses to a “Culture of Life” and an end to the “Culture of Death” that permeates our world. Please place your “Rosaries for Life” count for this week in the baskets/boxes located in the church.

“God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right to destroy an innocent human being.”

*Catechism of the Catholic Church (# 2258)*

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**18th INTER- FAITH THANKSGIVING DINNER**

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Peter’s Church is looking for a volunteer co-coordinator to be responsible for all the decorations for the dinner on Thanksgiving morning at the Carolina Coliseum on Assembly Street. Volunteers and the cost of the decorations will be provided. If interested in this effort, please contact Robert Keeder, Coordinator at 796-9802.

October 5, 2008

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes continue on Wednesdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 PM.

October is Respect Life Month. The children in Religious Education will be praying part of the Rosary each Wednesday this month for an increase in respect for life.

### PARENTS

All students in Religious Education will be learning a different Bible verse every month. October's Bible verse is John 3:16. Please be sure to have your children practice and memorize it this week at home.

### ADULTS SEEKING CONFIRMATION

If you are a post-high school adult who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you should plan to attend the RCIA classes which meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Rowland Education Building, Room C. For more information, or to pre-register, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906.

### PARISH DINNERS

All are invited to our Wednesday night 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: barbecue pork, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, dessert and beverages.

“In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, I urge you all to open your hearts to God's love, to respond by your prayers and by the deeds of your lives. Let go of your doubts and fears, and allow the mercy of God to draw you to His Heart.”

Pope John Paul II (1920 - 2005AD)

### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

In September 2008 we welcomed the following new members into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Arthur David Laney, Jr.  
Mary Clare Roberson  
Elizabeth Grace Comer  
James Chaplin Cox, IV  
Aleysia Maria Soto  
Alexa Maris Younginer

Also in September 2008 the following couple was united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

Angela Marie Jernigan & Matthew Lee Perry

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 5

8:15 AM Mr. David Clark +  
10:30 AM Mr. Jerome Tiemann, Sr. +  
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph  
5:30 PM Mr. Jerry Costabell +

### Monday, October 6

7:30 AM Rosary

### Tuesday, October 7

7:30 AM Mrs. Elynor McClam +  
5:30 PM Deceased members of the Schickory Joseph Family

### Wednesday, October 8

7:30 AM Mr. Glenn J. Snyder +

### Thursday, October 9

7:30 AM Hazel & Robert Thompson +

### Friday, October 10

7:30 AM Mrs. Olive Lee +  
8:15 AM Mr. James Hoover +

### Saturday, October 11

5:30 PM Mr. George Goodwin +

### Sunday, October 12

8:15 AM Mr. Francisco Testa, Sr. +  
10:30 AM Fr. Lee A. Selzer +  
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph  
5:30 PM Mrs. Elfriede Losowe +

### COLUMBIA AREA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Come meet for drinks and discussion on October 8, from 6 to 8 PM, at Delaney's Pub on Saluda Avenue in Five Points. This month's topic will be "Catholic GOTV." This group will be exclusively run by, and for, young adults from ages 21 to 35. ALL priests and religious are welcome regardless of age! Come join us! Please see our blog for upcoming events, discussion topics, and more!

[www.imbibingthespirit.blogspot.com](http://www.imbibingthespirit.blogspot.com)

### BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBIA

During October, *Respect Life Month*, Birthright of Columbia will be collecting maternity and infant clothes, new or used and also health care items in a box located in the Narthex of the Church. Please consider a donation to convey hope to pregnant girls and a women who contact Birthright for help.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

A big thank you to children and staff of St. Joseph School for 600 food items donated during the past two weeks. Thank you for your kindness.

October 5, 2008

## 2008 S. C. CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 24 – 26

### OUR LADY OF THE HILLS CHURCH

Conference Theme – “Spiritual Freedom...Transforming the Culture.” Keynote speakers - Fr. William Halbing and Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. The conference begins with registration at 6:00 PM Friday, October 24. To register for the conference call Ross Gamble 788-4480 or Sharon Crocker 356-3042 or e-mail: ross.gamble@att.net or scrocker4@windstream.net. Cost before Oct.15 is \$20.00 per person. There is no charge for youth, religious, or clergy to attend.

### PROGRAM FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

*God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* will be offered on Saturday, October 11 at St. Joseph Church from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. *God's Plan* is a marriage preparation supplement that offers engaged couples a compelling presentation of God's glorious plan for marital love. It is based on the “new language” of Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body and explores the “whys” behind the “whats” of Catholic teaching in a non-threatening and convincing manner. The cost is \$100 but scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or e-mail stjoeudre@aol.com

**This program is required for all couples planning to be married at St. Joseph.**

### HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

[www.cym1.com](http://www.cym1.com)

**We invite all high school youth** to join us today from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym. This is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and meet new and old friends, in a fun and informal gathering.

Next Sunday, October 12, we will have youth group from 6:30 to 8:30 PM for a special *movie night*. We will have plenty of popcorn and snacks. We will gather in the Rowland Education Building, Room D on the second floor.

**Our Young Ladies Faith Sharing Group** will meet again Wednesday, October 8 from 6:15 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym.

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

### SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your prayers seminarian

**Mr. William Hearne**

Blessed John XXIII National Seminary

558 South Avenue

Weston, Massachusetts 02493-2699

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS SUNDAY

Domestic violence is an “equal opportunity” crime afflicting families from all walks of life without regard to age, race, financial status or religious affiliation. A victim of domestic violence will, quite often, reach out to members of a faith community for help and advice. The response the person receives can provide the needed resources and support and in some cases may actually save lives or leave the victim stranded in a continuing cycle of abuse. For more information, please go to [www.sccadvasa.org](http://www.sccadvasa.org)

Violence statistics: South Carolina ranks 7th in the nation of the number of women killed by men - on average, 3 women a month die at the hands of an abusive partner in South Carolina.

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER



**Life Chain:** The local version of this national pro-life rally will take place in front of the State House along Gervais Street from 2:00 to 3:00 PM on October 5. Participants are asked to stand and pray along Gervais Street holding pro-life related signs that will be provided. This event will be taking place along busy streets in cities across the country on the first Sunday in October. For more information, please e-mail the local organizer, Teri, at [tanettesmommy@yahoo.com](mailto:tanettesmommy@yahoo.com).

**St. Gianna Respect Life Guild Meeting:** Please visit [www.stgiannaguild.org](http://www.stgiannaguild.org), for the latest information on the October St. Gianna Guild Meeting and other upcoming pro-life events.

### NEWS FROM THE PASTOR SPECIAL EVENTS & WEDDINGS

I am happy to announce that due to the generosity of many of our parishioners supporting the *Pride In Our Past, Faith In Our Future* Capital Campaign, the Church renovations (a component of this campaign) are being scheduled for the summer of 2009. If you are celebrating any event which you would need the use of the Church, particularly a wedding, please be aware that the Church will be closed for a number of weeks, **June 15 to September 11** (Masses will be held in the Hall/Gym). The Church is in need of fresh coats of paint, ceiling repair, rewiring and improved sound and lighting. These improvements, along with others, will brighten and enhance the beauty of St. Joseph Church.

# 8TH ANNUAL TASTE OF HEAVEN

# Party with a Purpose

### Cuisine:

- Dianne's on Devine
- LaBrasca's Pizza
- Yesterday's Restaurant and Tavern
- Congaree Grill
- SakiTumi
- Villa Tronco Italian Restaurant
- Zoe's Kitchen
- Salsarita's Fresh Cantina
- Shane's Rib Shack
- Moe's Grapevine and Italian Restaurant
- Piggly Wiggly on Devine
- Palmetto Provisions Inc.  
Proud Distributer of Boar's Head Brand
- Mo Mo's Bistro
- Nonnah's



Taste of  
Heaven  
SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

### Beverage Sponsors:

- Ben Arnold Sunbelt Beverage Company
- Starbucks Coffee Company
- Southern Wine and Spirits of South Carolina
- Morganelli's Liquor and Wines

## Heavenly Cuisine, DJ Dance Party, and Live Auction

Guests may sign up for additional parties being hosted throughout the school year by attending this year's event. Please see auction web site for calendar of events.

**Date:** Friday, October 17, 2008

**Place:** Parish Hall/Gym

**Time:** 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25 per person (\$35 at the door)

**Attire:** Come as you are (smart casual)

Reservations can be made by returning the bottom half of the invitation.

Address: 3700 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205 / Ph.254-6736

School website: [www.stjosdevine.com](http://www.stjosdevine.com) • Auction Website: [www.stjosauction.com](http://www.stjosauction.com)

### Response:

Checks should be payable to Saint Joseph PTO

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address if separate Bid #'s are required \_\_\_\_\_

I regret that I cannot attend but my donation of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

X \$25.00

Total = \_\_\_\_\_



# MISSIONARY IMAGE of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

*at St. Joseph Catholic Church on November 2, 2008*

The Missionary Image will be present at all Sunday Masses on November 2, 2008 - the Feast of All Souls. Please plan to pray with our Blessed Mother either before or after Mass. There will be tables with more information on Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Missionary Image between Masses.

The Missionary Images are actual size (4' x 6') replicas of the original Miraculous Image of Our Lady which she left on Blessed Juan Diego's tilma. The Images were blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. They have journeyed on Visitations in the New Evangelization throughout the world. The Images have visited each of the United States in over one thousand parishes and have received the veneration of hundreds of thousands. There have been hundreds of Masses, Confessions, hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosaries in the presence of the Images. Many conversions, healings, reconciliation's and graces have been reported.

## SENIORS

### FALL DANCE CLASS

*Please register at Lesson #1 - Friday, Oct. 24  
10:00 AM in the St. Joseph Parish Hall/Gym*

#### SCHEDULE

Lesson #1 Friday, Oct. 24 at 10:00 AM  
Lesson #2 Friday, Oct. 31 at 10:00 AM  
Lesson #3 Friday, Nov. 7 at 10:00 AM  
Lesson #4 Friday, Nov. 14 at 10:00 AM  
Lesson #5 Friday, Nov. 21 at 10:00 AM

No Fee Required!

No Partner Required!

*Taught by Sal & Janice DiMaria  
and Frank Melonas*