

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 ~ THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time! If you attend St. Joseph's regularly and consider this your parish, you may register online or stop by the parish office to fill out a registration card.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

3600 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

3512 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

803.254.7646 | info@stjosephcolumbia.org

After Hours Medical Emergency Number - 803.609.0317

www.stjosephcolumbia.org

St. Joseph Catholic School

3700 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

803.254.6736 | www.stjosephdevine.com

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM

**For the 10:30 AM ONLY Livestreaming on YouTube.*

and Broadcast on 90.9FM

Nursery is available during the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses in the Ministries & Administration Building for children 4 and under.

Holy Days

Please check the bulletin or website for the schedule.

Daily Mass

Tuesday to Friday 7:30 AM

The Rosary precedes morning Mass.

First Saturday 8:30 AM

School Mass

Friday (Sept. - May) 8:15 AM

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4 - 5 PM and by appointment

CLERGY OF PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor | msgrharris@stjosephcolumbia.org

Rev. Peter O'Steen, Parochial Vicar | fatherosteen@stjosephcolumbia.org

Deacon Jerry White | gwhite@charlestandiocese.org

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.

14th Bishop of Charleston

<https://charlestandiocese.org>

GENERAL INFORMATION

OUR MISSION:

We, the people of God in the parish of St. Joseph, are constantly attempting to become a faith community of those who, believing in Jesus, proclaim God's kingdom and share the mystery of faith by worshipping the Father; enabling all members to grow in their relationship with each other through the Son; and witnessing our gifts through service to others in the Holy Spirit.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

The facilities and services of St. Joseph Church are available to active members. Three points determine active membership:

- Registration in the parish for a sufficient period and use of the envelope system and/or electronic giving in support of the parish;
- Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days;
- Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.
- Join us! www.stjosephcolumbia.org/become-a-member-update-info

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Submit all announcements by Wednesday noon to info@stjosephcolumbia.org. Include name and phone number of contact person.

CHANGE OF NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:

Please notify the Parish Office at info@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646 of any change in your membership information.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN:

St. Joseph Church and School and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to the protection of children. All volunteers who work with children must complete Safe Environment Training and required Diocesan paperwork. If you would like to volunteer at St. Joseph's, please contact Jamie Vickrey at jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org. The following numbers are provided for your information:

Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister: 800.921.8122

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: 843.261.0431

SPECIAL NEEDS:

WHEELCHAIR SEATING

Available in the front row of the Church

RESERVED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

There are 12 reserved spaces in the Ministries & Administration Building Parking Lot - Sundays only (for 8 AM - 10:30 AM Masses)

HEARING LOOP IN THE SANCTUARY:

In order to access the Loop, a hearing aid must be programmed for the "T" setting, which can be done by a hearing aid specialist. When in the Church, the user can go to the "T" setting on their device and will be connected to the speaker system via their hearing aid.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Parents must attend one baptism seminar before having their child baptized. Upcoming seminar dates: 9.14.25 and 10.19.25

Sessions will be held from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Ministries & Administration Building. Registration is open for all sessions. Baptisms will be scheduled approximately two times per month. Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392 to register or for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Those contemplating marriage should contact the priest at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Mindy McBurney at mindy@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646 ext. 423 for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Parish Office at 803.254.7646 to request hospital visits and for individual anointing when anyone is seriously ill or having surgery.

BECOMING CATHOLIC - OCIA

(ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

Individuals interested in becoming full members of the Catholic community participate in a process of Christian Initiation. Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392 for more information.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM and by appointment. *Church doors open at 3:00 PM.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 14 - *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:00 am - † Coleman Sonefeld

10:30 am - † Brad Weiss

12:15 pm - † Keith Giese

Tuesday, September 16

7:30 am - Kephart Family

Robert Szymanski

Wednesday, September 17

7:30 am - † Victor Raj, M.D.

Thursday, September 18

7:30 am - Merilee Hill

† Ken Morris

Friday, September 19

7:30 am - † Estela Long

8:15 am - *School Mass* - † Estela Long

Saturday, September 20

5:30 pm - † Betsy Teodosio

Sunday, September 21

8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

10:30 am - † Arthur Arduna

12:15 pm - † Janice Lambka

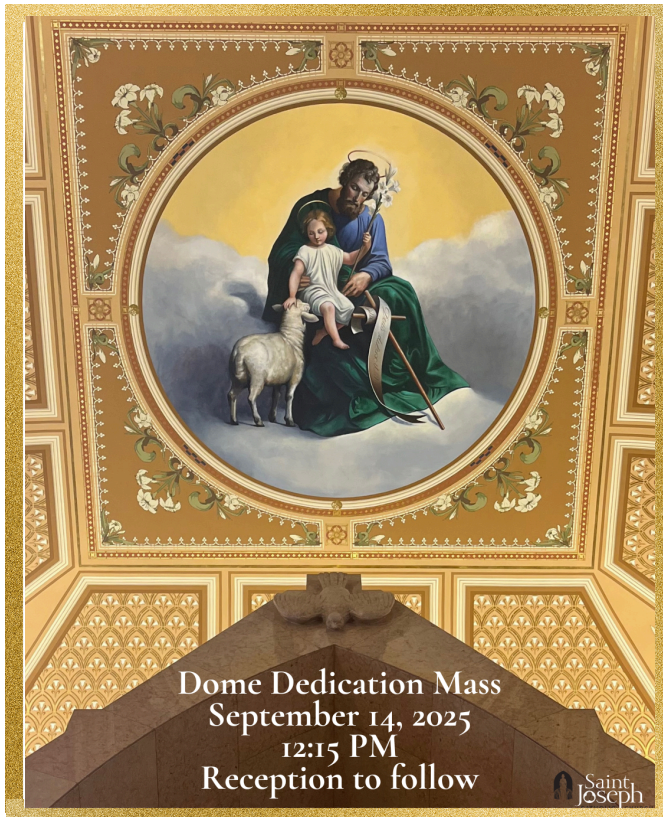
PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia Atkins, Terry Baggott, Chuck Barnett, Lois Barnett, Tom Barry, Germaine Blake, Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington, Dorothy Brown, Judy Canada, Mary Jo Cavanaugh, Joanne Childs, Brantley Daniel, Dianne Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Joseph DeMichael, Rick Dilleshaw, Mark Drobek, Katie Dukes, Nancy Faller, Susan Faust, Richard Fennessy, Jameson Finney, Freida Fixl, Cindy Flach, Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman, Father Timothy Gahan, George Gallo, Olga Gallo, Kevin Gantt, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, Richard Georgeson, Francy Goodrich, Karen Gray, Cindy Guidry, Steve Guidry, Candace Hester, Jessika Johnson, Nadine Jordan, David Josten, James Josten, Barney Kelly, Angie Kempson, John Kinard, William Kinney, Charlene Landry, Sheryl Leonard, Lynn Mancino, Natalie Marsha, Jared McLendon, Terry McWaters, Julian Montague, Shelley Montague, Michael Morgan, Mary Mulvihill, Glenda Napier, Carolyn Odle, Ellie O'Shea, Melissa Osborne, Virginia Ozgar, Mike Padua, Karen Pandur, Ruth Patterson, Stella Peeples, Maria Perez, Thelma Perkins, Lori Ann Pisano, David Richardson, Donna Rock, Marcella Rodgers, Brianne Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara, Bill Sanders, Kelly Schneider, Bernadette Scott, Jamie Scott, Bonnie Siegers, Jaime Simpson, Jr., Andrea Smith, Edna Soto, David Steele, Karen Steele, Betty Stork, Bettie Sturkie, Edith Teyssier, Daniel Vallini, Anthony Warren, Allan Winemiller, Neil Winter, Phyllis Yates



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of parishioner, Virginia Williams who passed away on 9.3.25. She was the mother of Karen Williams Lindner (Jonathan) and April Williams Wheeler (Kristine); and grandmother of Kingston, Marissa, Marley, Haley, and Lola. And to the family of Jerome Bertram who passed away on 9.5.25, brother of Don Bertram. May their souls rest in peace.



ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend, the flowers on the main altar are offered in celebration of the Dome's dedication. We honor this sacred masterpiece, a symbol of beauty, faith, and unity. May it inspire all to lift their hearts and eyes toward heaven.

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(9/6 - 9/18) In loving honor of Teresa Skelley's birthday

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

This weekend, we will welcome new members into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Julia Vincenza Miller
Peter Joseph Shiver*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Parish Giving (9/13 – 9/14):
\$36,737.20

Weekly Goal: \$35,036.60

Legacy Phase of the 75th
Anniversary Organ Project
Goal: \$2,250,000.00
Donated and Pledged:
\$2,219,892.00

You can access online giving on
our website or scan the QR code.



This Weekend – Second Collection:
September 13/14 –

The Catholic University of America

Since 1903, the National Collection – the only nationwide second collection for higher education in the U.S.—has been vital to funding Catholic University. It supports the education of thousands in faith and reason, while advancing research and service to dioceses, parishes, and pastors nationwide.

INTRO TO CATHOLICISM

Curious about Catholicism or need a refresher? Join our Introduction to Catholicism course starting Sept. 7, Sundays from 9:15–10:15 AM in the MAB (Corley Room). Weekly topics are listed in the bulletin. Nursery available! Questions? Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392.

9.14.2025	The Existence and Nature of God
9.18.2025	Tour of the Church - Symbols and Worship (<i>meet in front of Church at 6pm</i>)
9.21.2025	Christian Anthropology and Salvation History
9.28.2025	Our Lord Jesus Christ and the New Covenant

For the complete list of topics scheduled for discussion,
go to: www.stjosephcolumbia.org/becoming-catholic-ocia

TREE REPLACEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OCTOBER 8, 2025

On October 8, 2025, we will be removing the tulip poplar tree located on parish grounds. This decision was made with care and discernment, and we have received full permission from the City of Columbia to proceed. Over the past several seasons, the tulip poplar has become a safety hazard. Despite appearing healthy, its branches have repeatedly fallen during even mild rain or wind. Tulip poplars are known for their brittle limbs, rapid growth, and susceptibility to storm damage. While they offer beauty in bloom, they also drop sticky sap, petals, and debris - making them difficult to maintain and potentially disruptive to nearby walkways. This unpredictable shedding poses serious risks: injury to pedestrians or parishioners, damage to vehicles or property, and liability concerns for the parish.

In place of the tulip poplar, we will be planting two Japanese Pistache trees - the same vibrant species you may recognize from our Rose Garden and the MAB parking lot. These trees were chosen for their stunning fall foliage, drought tolerance, low maintenance needs, air-purifying qualities, and resilience to urban conditions.

We believe this change will enhance both the safety and beauty of our parish grounds, while continuing our commitment to thoughtful stewardship of creation. Thank you for your understanding and support as we care for the grounds. Please direct any questions to Tawfiq Hodaly, Director of Facilities @ tawfiq@stjosephcolumbia.org.

FOR UPCOMING MARRIAGE RETREATS



MarriageLifeline.org
Call 1-866-470-2243



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FOR UPCOMING MARRIAGE RETREATS

Catholic Marriage Support Programs

Retrouvaille Marriage Rediscovery
MarriageLifeline.org or call 1-866-470-2243
Retreats Focusing on Communication, Healing & Reconnection

Catholic Engaged Encounter for Engaged couples
EngagedEncounter.org
Sacramental marriage preparation

For Your Marriage (USCCB) Online Marriage Resources
ForYourMarriage.org

Better Together for Engaged Couples
DynamicCatholic.com
Video-based marriage prep

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
wwme.org
Spiritual and Emotional Enrichment for Married Couples





75th Anniversary
Organ Project

• Legacy Phase



Buy a Pipe - Be Part of the Music!

Help us bring the new organ to life by sponsoring one of the 2,650 pipes. Each pipe is essential, each one unique. Pipes range from 1 ft to 16 ft. Your support will resonate through every note played for generations to come.

Pipe Sponsorship Levels:

- 1 ft pipe – \$100
- 2 ft pipe – \$200
- 4 ft pipe – \$400
- 8 ft pipe – \$800
- 16 ft pipe – \$1,600

The names of all pipe sponsors will be proudly displayed, honoring your role in building this extraordinary instrument.


Claim your pipe today - and leave your mark on the music!

**To make a pledge online or to pay online, go to
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/organ-project**

For more information on the pipes, contact Worth Lewallen,
Director of Music | worth@stjosephcolumbia.org

For more information on giving to the Organ Project, contact
Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager | adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

GROW



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PIZZA PARTY

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and MOD Pizza will donate 25% of your bill to support this great organization!

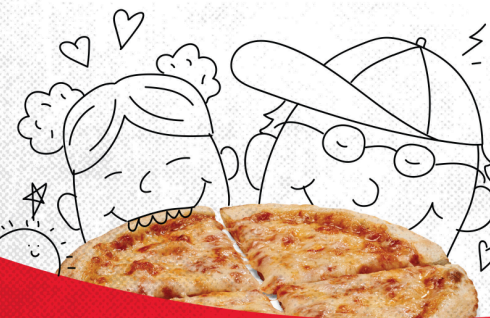
JOIN MOD PIZZA IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

ADDRESS: 141 PELHAM DR, SUITE B
COLUMBIA, SC 29209

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES25



WIN EXTRA DOUGH

Fundraisers booked during the back-to-school season are entered to win an additional **\$1,000**, and the top 3 fundraisers that bring in the highest net sales will also win an extra **\$1,000!**

Offer valid only on the MOD app and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided by FundRazr. For delivery, customers must live within the delivery boundary. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid if this flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraising>.

Hearts and Hands of St. Joseph

Name: Dr. Patrick Hawkins

Role: Parish Organist and
Director of Bel Canto Choir



How long have you been part of the parish staff? February 2025

Tell us a little about your background (family, education, previous work):

I grew up in the Mid-Atlantic region and graduated high school in Easton, Maryland. I hold three degrees in organ performance from the Peabody Conservatory of Music at The Johns Hopkins University, East Carolina University, and Arizona State University. For many years of my early career I lived on the West Coast of the US and taught in Los Angeles and Palm Springs. In 2008 I moved to Columbia and was the choir teacher at Spring Valley High School for ten years. In addition to my duties at St. Joseph, I teach at the USC School of Music as the Adjunct Organ Professor. I live in historic Elmwood Park (with my spoiled rotten pitbull "Sargeant") in a cute bungalow that was built in 1908.

What's one part of your role that brings you joy? I'm a people person. I just love working with our staff and the wonderful choir members.

What advice would you give to someone just joining our parish? This is a very active parish with something for everyone. One of these days, I want to go play bridge with the seniors!

If you could have dinner with any saint, who would it be and what would you ask them? That's a tough one. You might think St. Cecilia, because she is known as the patron saint of the organ and music. However, I really would like to chat with Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) who was a German nun and Benedictine abbess. Not only was she prolific writer and mystic, she also composed numerous pieces of sacred music. I would like to know if she likes any of the more recent recordings of her music. Obviously, no one currently living was alive almost 1,000 years ago when she penned her scores, so there is a lot of debate about issues of how to perform this literature from the Middle Ages.

What's something people might not know about your job? Unless you actually could watch me play, you might not understand how physically difficult it is to play an organ. For example, did you know that there are 32 organ pedals and that organists have to play with their hands and feet at the same time? My job requires many hours of silent practice alone in the church.

Favorite hymns: St. Patrick's Breastplate

Favorite church season (Advent, Lent, etc.): Christmastide. Yummy food, gifts, and great carols. What's not to like, right?!!



Cardinal Newman is inviting you to **Open House on September 30!** Come experience the vibrant community, meet the dedicated faculty, and see firsthand how Cardinal Newman prepares students to thrive in college and beyond. They can't wait to welcome you in! Visit cnhs.com to register.



New Beginnings
for anyone who has suffered
the loss of a loved one

October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th
11 am - 12 pm
Corner Conference Room
Ministry & Administration Building

If you would like to attend and/or if you know anyone who may wish to attend please share this info -
Group will be limited to 10.
RSVP by September 28, 2025

Please Contact:
Therese Grant at 803.783.5121 (leave a message)
theresegrant56@gmail.com

GET INVOLVED



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Youth Mass

Called to Serve

September 21, 2025 **10:30am Mass**

Music led by the Bel Canto Choir




QR Code sign up for: Youth greeters, lectors, altar servers, and ushers

HIRING BASKETBALL GYM SUPERVISOR

St. Joseph Catholic Church is hiring a Basketball Gym Supervisor for our church league from late October 2025 through February 14, 2026. We need coverage specifically on Tuesdays, from 4:00 PM until 30 minutes after the last practice. Pay: \$20/hour

Requirements: Must be 18+; First Aid Certification is a plus. Responsibilities: Supervise gym and equipment · Set up/adjust hoops · Check in teams · Answer questions · Ensure cleanup and lock up · No gym hours: Nov 24–28 (Thanksgiving) Dec 15–Jan 2 (Christmas). To apply, contact Adrienne Carroll at adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org.




St. Joseph Catholic Church


HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT


About Us


St. Joe's Youth Ministry is a place for high schoolers to grow in faith, friendship, and leadership. Whether you're looking to ask big questions, join a Bible Study, mentor middle schoolers, serve the parish, or attend awesome events like CLI Summer Camp and Steubenville, there's a place for you here. Come hang out and get involved!

Want to learn more?

 diana@stjosephcolumbia.org

 [St. Joes Youth Columbia](https://www.facebook.com/St.JoesYouthColumbia)

 [@stjoesyouthcolumbia](https://www.instagram.com/stjoesyouthcolumbia)

 Blossom House, 3451 Blossom St. Columbia, SC 29205

Bible Study: Real Talk

- Sunday | 7-8:30pm | Blossom House
- Food · Fellowship · Faith · Fun
- Led by enthusiastic college graduates passionate about Christ
- Leader: Emily O'Sullivan

Clergy Chats

- Wednesday | 6:30-8pm | Blossom House
- Sept 10 · Nov 12 · Jan 14 · Apr 29
- Apologetics · Appetizers · Come Hungry for Truth!
- Leader: Deacon Jerry White

High School Core Team

- Sunday | 5-7pm | Location Varies
- Volunteer with Middle School Edge Nights
- Mentor Middle Schoolers · Service Hours
- Leader: Diana Von Plinsky

Service Project Opportunities

- Upcoming Opportunities: Pumpkin Painting (10/26) · Fall Festival (10/30) · Caroling (12/14) · Stay tuned for more!
- St. Vincent de Paul food pantry · Write letters to seminarians · Assemble blessing bags for homeless · Provide gifts for Souper Bowl of Caring
- Leader: Diana Von Plinsky

Youth Mass

- Dates for 2025-2026 school year: Sept 21 @10:30am · Oct 19 @10:30am · Nov 16 @10:30am · Mar 1 @12:15pm · May 3 @10:30am
- Sign up to serve as a lector, altar server, greeter, usher, or join the Bel Canto Choir

Wednesday Night Family Adoration

- Youth meet up/set up | Blossom House 6-6:30pm
- Adoration for ALL parish families: 6:30-8pm | Drop for any amount of time | St. Joseph Catholic Church | Confession Available
- Dates: Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 19, Jan 28, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 13

Basketball Registration is now OPEN

St. Joseph 2025-2026 Youth Basketball Season

To Register, go to:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth-athletics

Registration for boys & girls:
Grades 2nd - 12th is open and will close 10/28
Please note due to new CYBL deadline, we are unable to accept registrations after 10/28 at 9pm.



For more information please contact Adrienne Carroll
adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

Calling All Coaches!

St. Joseph 2025-2026 Youth Basketball Season

We are gearing up for another season - and we're looking for coaches to help lead the way!

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Build lasting relationships with youth in our church and community
- Foster teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship
- Be part of a program rooted in faith, fun, and fellowship

To sign up, go to:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/coaches-form

For more information please contact Adrienne Carroll
adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

Player registration begins in September.

Dear St. Joseph's Families, It's time for a New Directory!



Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table after Mass on the weekend of September 27/28 and October 4/5, or simply go online and follow the instructions below.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!
- You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish, and framing options, AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends
- Scan the QR code and set your appointment with Universal today!

Photography Sessions Dates/Times Available:

All Sessions take place in Ministries & Administration Building

November 4 - 7 | 2 PM - 8:30 PM

November 8 | 10 AM - 4 PM

November 10 - 12 | 2 PM - 8:30 PM



Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online,

1. Simply go to www.ucdir.com,
2. Click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side
3. Enter **SC313** in the Church Code field
4. Enter **photos** in the Church Password field

Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

Questions, please contact Libby Garlitz at libby@stjosephcolumbia.org.