

**TODAY**

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are in loving memory of Michael C. Corbett (47th Birthday Anniv., Jan. 13) from Beth, Meghan, Matthew, Katie and Emily.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL** are in loving memory of Edward "Eddie" Maher (12th Anniv., Jan. 4) with love from his wife Lorena.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL ARE ALSO** in loving memory of Bernard J. Wysocki (Anniv., Jan. 11) with love from his daughter and son-in-law.

**FLOWERS UNDER THE CHAPEL ALTAR** are in loving memory of Shavon Rose Santos (8th Anniv., Jan. 7) with love from Mom, Dad and her family.

**SECOND COLLECTION** today is for the Church in Latin America, which supports pastoral projects that engage Latin American parishioners in their faith, strengthening their sense of mission and identity with the Church. Our generous support of this collection provides evangelization in rural and poverty-stricken areas, religious training and catechesis and formation programs. The cost of a daily cup of coffee could provide a young girl with her First Holy Communion book.



The **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** concludes the Christmas Season. The Lord born in Bethlehem came to fulfill the mission of redeeming the world. He undertakes his mission and begins his "public life" on the day of his baptism. He continues his work today and involves us in his mission through our baptism.

**THIS WEEK**

**STAND UP FOR LIFE MARCH AND RALLY** is January 16, 2010 in Columbia. The line up for the March begins at 11 a.m. at the USC Russell House on Greene Street. At 11:30 a.m. the Knights of Columbus will lead the march to the S.C. State House. The rally begins at 12 Noon at the State House, Gervais Street side. The keynote speaker is Damon Owens, New Jersey Director for the National Organization for Marriage and spokesman for L.E.A.R.N., the independent network of African-American Pro-Life organizations. For more information, please call 803-252-5433 or go to [www.sccl@sclife.org](http://www.sccl@sclife.org). If you wish to carpool from Blessed Sacrament, please call Clare and Bill Richter at 766-2729.

**THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS**

- SUNDAY: January 10**
- 10:00 AM** Coffee & Donuts - Parish Hall  
Religious Education - School  
Bible Group - MR
- 7:15 PM** Outreach - Parish Hall
- MONDAY: January 11**
- 7:00 PM** St. Vincent de Paul - MR
- 7:30 PM** Novena and Benediction
- TUESDAY: January 12**
- 7:00 PM** Stewardship - MR
- WEDNESDAY: January 13**
- 6:00 PM** Adult Religious Education - MR
- 6:45 PM** Choir Practice
- 7:00 PM** RCIA - Parish Hall  
Spanish RCIA - MR
- THURSDAY: January 14**
- 8:45 AM** School Mass
- 7:00 PM** Pastoral Council - MR  
Bible Study - Parish Office

**PARISH NEWS**



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM:** The next RCIA class will be held Wed., January 13th. The topic for this class is "Morality: A Consistent Ethic of Life." For more info. about our RCIA program, please call Sr. Colie at 556-0801.

**PLEASE PRAY** for parishioners and their family members who are in the missionary, military, or support services and stationed in hazardous locations overseas. Sr. Mary Bernard (Vietnam), Brian Cummings (son of M/ M Ronald E. Smith), Abby Ford (granddaughter of Gertrude Heuer), Dodger Jeffcott, Brian Noel Kellahan, Jordon Kirk, Krystal Mason, Stanley Morgan (son of John Morgan), and Anthony Schmit (Afghanistan, nephew of Bob & Barb Nicolai).

**YOUTH CORNER**

The purpose of youth ministry at Blessed Sacrament is to encourage middle and high school age teens to: **R**evere God in the Mass and Eucharist, **E**xtend God’s love to others, **A**pply themselves to learn about our Catholic faith, **C**onnect with fellow believers through Christ, and **H**elp those in the community.

**CROSSOVER** - For 6th-8th Graders

**THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, Jan. 9:** 7:15-8:45 pm - Parish Hall  
Our PARENTS MEETING will take place from 7:15-7:40 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend as we will discuss the spring schedule, spring trips, etc. Teens may attend as youth group will begin once the meeting concludes.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, Jan. 16: NO MEETING - Rally for Life**

**OUTREACH** - For 9th-12th Graders

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, Jan. 10:** 7:15-8:45 pm - Parish Hall  
Our PARENTS MEETING will take place from 7:15-7:40 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend as we will discuss the spring schedule, spring trips, etc. Teens may attend as youth group will begin once the meeting concludes.

**Wednesday:** Mass

When: 6:30-7:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church  
Start your day right with Mass.

**Wednesday:** Bible Study

When: 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Joe’s office  
Bring: A Bible

**NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday, Jan. 17: NO MEETING - Rally for Life**

For any questions or comments about youth ministry, contact Joe Burgess. **766-3633**.

**RESPECT LIFE**

Abortion is a contradiction to baptism. Consider what the Church does in the celebration of baptism. A child is brought into the congregation, and is welcomed by all who are present as a brother, a sister. Despite the fact that all but a few of the gathered Christians do not know this child, and did not know the child’s name, they declare before God that they now accept the child as one of them. Baptism expresses God’s unconditional welcome of His people, His call to them to share His life. Baptism expresses the hospitality of God’s Church, and the responsibility incurred by the fact that God has entrusted us to the care of one another. ([priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org))

Please join the Rev. S. Thomas Kingsley, Pastor of Nativity Church, who will lead the Rosary and prayers at the West Ashley abortion facility at 1312 Ashley River Road on Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 8-9 a.m. For more information, call Stephen Boyle at 763-0681.

**SCHOOL CORNER**



The return of students after the Christmas and New Year holidays marks the beginning of the second semester at Blessed Sacrament School, which means that registration for the 2010-2011 school year is just around the corner. Families of current students should receive their re-registration information during the week of January 11th. Registration of new students will begin on January 31st which is also the first day of Catholic Schools Week.

The theme for the 2010 Catholic Schools Week is “A+ - Experience the Extraordinary”. You may even see highway billboards showing the logo for this special week in Catholic Schools. During this week, January 31st - February 6th, many activities have been planned for our students and their families. Details of those activities will be available in the next weeks.

With the report cards just being distributed on January 7th, the listing of the honor roll and St. Thomas Aquinas award recipients will be included soon. Congratulations to all of these students!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11 - JANUARY 17, 2010**

Monday	01/11	1 Samuel 1:1-8	Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday	01/12	1 Samuel 1:9-20	Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday	01/13	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20	Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	01/14	1 Samuel 4:1-11	Mark 1:40-45
Friday	01/15	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22	Mark 2:1-12
Saturday	01/16	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1	Mark 2:13-17
Sunday	01/17	Isaiah 62:1-5	John 2:1-11
			2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

# BLESSED SACRAMENT A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



*The Mission of Blessed Sacrament Church is to form and sustain a Catholic community in which all are welcomed and provided with the opportunities and means to know Christ better, to grow in faith and love, and to give witness jointly to the Kingdom of God by their lives.*

## A CHRISTIAN VOCATION A Personal Invitation

A Christian vocation is the personal invitation or call that each baptized person receives from the Lord. Every Christian is called to be a good steward of the personal vocation he or she has been given. Each of us must discern, accept and live out joyfully and generously the commitments, responsibilities and roles to which God calls us. The call is personal. As the bishops say in their pastoral letter on stewardship, "Christ does not summon disciples as a faceless crowd, but as unique individuals ... He knows people's personal histories, their strengths and weaknesses, their destinies; He has a purpose in mind for each of us.

Jesus knows each of us by name. He invites us to follow Him, live with Him and be His disciple. If we have accepted the Lord's personal invitation, if we have been baptized and confirmed in this Christian way of life, then our first responsibility is to nurture, develop and share this precious gift: our personal vocation as disciples of Jesus Christ. This means we are called to be faithful stewards of the identity and mission we have been given as Christians. It also means that we are challenged to share our personal vocation with others – both within the community of disciples, the Church, and among those who have not yet encountered the Lord Jesus or heard His personal call.

The call to discipleship is personal, but it is not received in isolation. Other disciples help mediate our vocation to us, and we in turn are meant to mediate the Lord's call to others. My vocation is personal and unique, but it is formed and lived out within a community of faith, the Church. I discern, accept and live out my individual vocation with the help of God's grace and with the guidance, support and encouragement of other Christians.

To be a good steward of my vocation as a disciple of Jesus Christ, I must continually seek His face. I must listen to His voice, and I must open my heart to receive Him in intimate communion. Although my relationship to Jesus Christ is deeply personal, it is not private. Why? Because I cannot encounter Him in isolation from others or from the world in which I live day-in and day-out. I discern, accept and live my vocation in communion with others. I exercise responsible stewardship of my unique and particular calling by acknowledging my solidarity with others and by sharing all my gifts, spiritual and material, with my brothers and sisters in the one family of God.

*Excerpt from "Stewardship in America: A Countercultural Way of Life" by Dan Conway*



## *The ELIJAH CUP ... Praying for Vocations in Our Homes*

*Praying For Vocations Essential ... Praying for the grace to discern and live our vocation ... religious and laity ... married and single ... career and work ... ministry and service ... is essential to the future of our families, our parish and our Church worldwide. Please consider uniting your family and your home to our Elijah Cup prayer chain. Sign-up sheet is enclosed with this Bulletin and is also available at the entrance to the church.*

**Contact Teresa Rivera (556-0801) for more information**

Notes from OUR SCHOOL .....



As a Roman Catholic school, we are a community of parents, educators and students who value solid educational principles, opportunities for enrichment and the development of each child's unique God-given gifts.

We are the primary educational ministry of Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph parishes, serving children in grades K4-8. We welcome students and their families of all faiths and cultural backgrounds who seek a nurturing, faith-based education in an environment of security and mutual respect.

In the spirit of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, who have guided our school since its founding in 1948, we prepare children academically, spiritually, morally and socially for an effective future as citizens and servants of God.

Ratified January 9, 2006



**Catholic Schools**  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

*Experience the extraordinary.*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 6, 2010**

*“no better investment than the education of a child”*

“Catholic Schools of South Carolina – Experience the extraordinary,” the watchword for Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese of Charleston, will be the state-wide theme during Catholic Schools Week 2010. Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration that focuses attention on the good work done by the nation’s Catholic schools. Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

In planning for Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2010, Roseann Tracy, Principal of Blessed Sacrament School, announced, “CSW 2010 will be observed Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, 2010. Throughout the week, many opportunities will be available for parents, parishioners, students and alumni(ae) and the many friends of Blessed Sacrament School to

celebrate our *extraordinary TRADITION of EXCELLENCE.*” Hopefully all the participants and supporters of our school will set aside time to visit with us to share our dream for Blessed Sacrament School.” The Schedule of Special Events planned for CSW 2010 will be published shortly.

**U.S. Catholic Schools Snapshot**  
**2008-09 School Year**

Total Catholic school enrollment:	2,192,531
Elementary school enrollment:	1,568,016
Secondary school enrollment:	624,515
Minority students:	643,173 29.3%
Non-Catholic:	325,835 14.9%
Total number of schools:	7,248
Elementary schools:	6,028
Secondary schools:	1,220
Co-educational:	93.6%
Single sex male:	2.6%
Single sex female:	3.8%
New schools in 2009/9:	31
New schools in last 5 years:	184
Full-time professional staff:	157,615
Laity:	96.0%
Religious/clergy:	4.0%
Student/teacher ratio:	14:1
Average Tuition	
Elementary:	\$3,159
Secondary:	\$8,182

According to Karen Ristau, NCEA president, “Catholic schools provide good things for students and families—high expectations and daily experience of faith. In these challenging times, Catholic Schools Week also reminds parents that the dividends of a Catholic school education—students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals and discipline—last a lifetime. There is no better way to invest in a child’s future—or the future of our world.”

Marie Powell, executive director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, noted: “We realize that in most parts of the country a Catholic education is not without some cost. But I can’t think of a better investment in the future than to invest in the education of a child.”

As part of CSW, National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools will be observed Wednesday, Feb. 3. National Appreciation Day was established to encourage supporters nationwide to showcase to elected officials the great accomplishments and contributions of Catholic schools. In Washington, a delegation of Catholic school students, teachers and parents will visit Capitol Hill to meet with congressional leaders to promote Catholic schools.

## PARISH NEWS

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Laurence Montano*, father of David Montano of Blessed Sacrament Church

*Ester Cunningham*, of Blessed Sacrament Church

*Jean LeMond McLaughlin*, mother of Jeannie Mills and sister of Kit Dunlap of Blessed Sacrament Church

### MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann, Robert Bissey, Kevin Blanchard, Mary Agnes Cannon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., John Coulter, Miles Culpepper, Grace De Pasquale, Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Louis Frizelle, Eugene L. Halsey, A. Patrick Hiott, Donald Hiott, William Kenneth Johnson, Arthur P. Jones, Rebecca L. Jones, Karen Joseph, Daniel F. Kennerty, Sr., Lawrence J. Kennerty, Sr., Norma Lighthart, Victor Lighthart, Sr., Victor Lighthart, Jr., Mary Schachte Linder, Bernard Maginn, Neola Beckmann McAndrews, Caroline D. McDermott, Charles W. McDermott, Annie E. McManus, Laurence A. Montano, Willard Oldmixon, MD, Theresa Ore, Robert Register, Rev. Richard E. Sanders, Andrew & Johanna Seman, Virgie M. P. Sharp, Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, Lee & Ella Nora Welcker, Ron L. Welcker, and Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki (Anniv., Jan. 11).



### PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Eva Marie Baird, Dorothy Bendt, Patrick Birt, Marguerite Bishop, Charles Blanchard, Les Blyth, Gary Broughton, Vera Buckland, Susan Burnet, Al Cannon, Stacy Casserly, Rosemary Cook, Myrtice Couturier, Harper Drolet, Terri Dunbar, Kit Dunlap, Jane Finnerty, Joan Finnerty, Sally Fosberry, Gaetano Francese,

Vincenza Francese, Barbara Gregorie, Kerry Jacques, Paula Johnson, Richard L. Jones, Michael Justin, Cathy Kemmerer, Mildred "Tunkey" Kennerty, Frank Kerr, Lori Khouri, Sally LaTorre, Albert Lutrario, Jero Lutrario, Emmalee Lyman, Sharon McCabe, Kim McConnell, Lydia McConnell, Donald McEwan, Charlie Meyer, Edson Moya, Christina Nolen, Delmar Raymer, Jeaneane B. Raymond, Barbara Robinson, Betsy Robinson, Margaret Shieder, Gary Sullivan, Mildred Taro, Mark Taylor, Frank White, Bryan Wilson, Evelyn Witham, and all members of our parish who are sick or homebound.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocese of Charleston and the Oratory are sponsoring a **DISCERNMENT RETREAT** January 28-31, 2010 at the Oratory in Rock Hill. The retreat will allow participants to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Men and women ages 18-55 are eligible. For more information or for an application, please call the Vocations Office at 843-402-9115, ext. 22.

**DIOCESAN PHYSICIAN'S GUILD:** Are you a Catholic Doctor? Do changes in research and health care practices raise ethical questions in your mind? Would you like to join with other Catholic doctors in serving the Church? Bishop Robert Guglielmone invites you to the inaugural meeting of a diocesan physician's guild to be held January 30, 2010 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia. The event will begin with lunch at 12 o'clock noon and conclude with Mass at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call 843-853-2130.



You are invited to the **THIRTEENTH ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE COMMEMORATING THE DREAM OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity Church, James Island. Dr. Jack Bass, Professor, Historian, Author and Civil Rights Activist, will be the speaker. A reception will immediately follow in the parish hall.

**CATHOLIC WINTER WELLNESS SERIES:** Don't wait for cabin fever to set in. Join us as we explore a God-centered approach to health and wellness for mind, body and spirit with informative and entertaining presentations. Sessions run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the following Thursday nights: January 21 and February 18. Location: Pauline Book & Media Center, 243 King street. For more information, please see the flyers by the doors of the church or call 830-2748.



There will be a **CARMELITE DAY OF RECOLLECTION** at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Saturday, January 30, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Edmund McCaffrey, former pastor of Holy Family Parish in Hilton Head and former abbot of Belmont Abbey. All are welcome to attend. For registration information, contact Karen McLaurin at 843-766-4651 or email her at [Karinda7@comcast.net](mailto:Karinda7@comcast.net).



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving  
Offertory**  
Week 52 <> Dec. 27, 2009  
(includes Christmas)

**1st OFFERTORY**

**BUDGET:**

<b>Operating</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>ECDC Mortgage</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,500</b>

<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$41,387</b>
<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$15,722</b>
	<b>56,952</b>

**OUTREACH:**

<b>Rel Retirement</b>	<b>\$ 70</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$ 42</b>
<b>Human Dev</b>	<b>\$ 45</b>
<b><u>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 57,109</u></b>

**Stewardship ... Sharing God's Gifts**  
**Time in Prayer**  
**Time & Talent in Ministry & Service**  
**Time, Talent & Treasure**  
**Gratefully Given**

**1st Offertory <> Total Year-to-Year**

<b>Jan-Dec, 2008</b>	<b>\$1,047.059</b>
<b>Jan-Dec, 2009</b>	<b>\$1,007,226</b>
	<b>-\$ (39,833)</b>

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**For more information or questions, contact our parish Finance Council:**

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