

TODAY

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are in loving memory of Michael C. Corbett (47th Birthday Anniv., Jan. 13) with love from his parents and his family.

FLOWERS ARE NEEDED for the church and chapel next weekend. If you wish to donate for flowers, please call Alice Bolchoz at 766-7202. Requests for flowers must be received by the Sunday evening prior to publication.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for Education.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will take place today after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, grits, coffee and orange juice will be served. The cost is \$4 per adult, \$2 per child or \$10 per family.

The **RITE OF ENROLLMENT** will take place today at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Attendance is mandatory for all Confirmation candidates. Young people and adult candidates declare their intention to prepare for the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, and our parish pledges its prayerful support.

THIS WEEK

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.

Priests of the Diocese of Charleston will gather this week for the **ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS** from Tuesday afternoon until Thursday noon at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston. Theme of the convocation is Vocations for the Priesthood. All priests will take part during the convocation in a re-certification in the Virtus training program as part of the Safe Environment project in the diocese. Please remember the priests in your prayers during this time of study and community.

The **SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be administered during a Mass next Saturday, January 23 at 11 a.m. The Women's Guild will provide lunch in Father McCarthy Hall following the Mass. Everyone is welcome to take part and add your prayerful support for all experiencing serious illness.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS

- SUNDAY: January 17**
10:00 AM K of C Breakfast - Parish Hall
 Religious Education - School
 Bible Group - MR
- MONDAY: January 18**
BSS no school
Parish Office Closed
7:30 PM Novena and Benediction
- TUESDAY: January 19**
7:00 PM Women's Guild - Parish Hall
- WEDNESDAY: January 20**
6:45 PM Choir Practice
7:00 PM RCIA - Parish Hall
 Spanish RCIA - MR
- THURSDAY: January 21**
8:45 AM School Mass
7:00 PM Bible Study - MR
- SATURDAY: January 23**
11:00 AM Mass with Anointing of the Sick
7:15 PM Crossover - Parish Hall

PARISH NEWS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM: The next RCIA class will be held Wed., January 20th. The topic for this class is "Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation." For more info. about our RCIA program, please call Sr. Colie at 556-0801.

The **2009 CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS** are being prepared and will be mailed out at the end of January.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Adorers are needed for the following hours - Saturday 10 to 11 PM; Friday 4 to 5 AM; and Friday 10 to 11 AM. If you can commit to one of these hours on a weekly basis, please call Charlie Lindsey at 766-2867.

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH: The Women's Guild will hold the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker will be Pastor Sandra Alston of Grace Fellowship who will speak on Women in the Church and her calling to serve the Lord. Babysitting will be available. Please call Maria Stephens for more details (763-7948).

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. 16: NO MEETING - Rally for Life

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, Jan. 23: Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 pm

OUTREACH - For 9th-12th Graders

THIS WEEK

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

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. 24: Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 pm

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

RESPECT LIFE

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

URGENT: Stop Abortion Funding in Health Care Reform! Protect Conscience. Ensure Affordable Health Coverage. Allow Immigrants to Purchase Private Health Insurance.

As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U.S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Health care reform should not advance a pro-abortion agenda in our country.

*On November 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed major health care reform that reaffirms the essential, longstanding and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortions and includes positive measures on affordability and immigrants.

*On December 24, the U.S. Senate rejected this policy and passed health care reform that requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions. All purchasers of such plans will be required to pay for other people’s abortions through a separate payment solely to pay for abortion.

*Outside the abortion context, neither bill has adequate conscience protection for health care providers, plans or employers.

*These two bills must now be combined into one bill that both the House and Senate will vote on in final form. Provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection, affordability, and immigrants’ access to health care must be part of a fair and just health care reform bill, or the final bill must be opposed.

ACTION: Contact your Representative and Senators today by email, phone or fax.

*To send a pre-written, instant email to Congress go to www.usccb.org/action.

*Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 or call your members’ local offices. Contact information can be found on members’ websites at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

WHEN: Votes in the House and Senate on the final bill are expected in January.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18 - JANUARY 24, 2010

Monday	01/18	1 Samuel 15:16-23	Mark 2:18-22	
Tuesday	01/19	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Mark 2:23-28	
Wednesday	01/20	1 Samuel 17:32-51	Mark 3:1-6	
Thursday	01/21	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7	Mark 3:7-12	St. Agnes
Friday	01/22	1 Samuel 24:3-21	Mark 3:13-19	
Saturday	01/23	2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-27	Mark 3:20-21	
Sunday	01/24	Nehemiah 8:2-10	Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time



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.

GRATITUDE REALIZATION THAT "IT'S ALL HIS ANYWAY"
"It's silly to think in terms of what we can give to God"



I think every one who has some vague belief in God, until he becomes a Christian, has the idea of an exam or of a bargain in mind. The first result of real Christianity is to blow that idea into bits. When they find it blown to bits, some people think this means that Christianity is a failure and give up. They seem to imagine that God is very simple-minded. In fact, of course, He knows all about this. One of the very things Christianity was designed to do was to blow this idea to bits. God has been waiting for the moment at which you discover that there is no question of earning a passing mark in this exam or putting Him in your debt.

Then comes another discovery. Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So that when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to his father and saying, "Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good in the transaction.

C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

"It's ALL His anyway ... even me." ... In his book, "Mere Christianity," C. S. Lewis describes the core belief in the life of a Christian Steward. It's the freeing, yet initially uncomfortable, realization that **"It's ALL His anyway ... even me."** When we discover this reality, we learn that the life of a Christian Steward involves using God's gifts to live God's purpose for our lives. It's uncomfortable because it goes against the grain of the culture that surrounds us. It's freeing because it affirms that we are all children of God and He loves us all just as we are, just as He created us.

The world around us preaches survival of the fittest and the self-sufficiency of our efforts. In this view of the world, the competition to be number one is based on whatever standard the world values at the moment. Winning this man-made competition is our purpose for living. Since we set the rules of the competition and the definition of success, we are the center of this man-made universe. In this world, we can easily fall prey to the belief that we are the sole source of our success. And we might actually come to believe that we can give something to God that He needs from us. It's a world in which we can find ourselves attempting to get a passing grade or put God in our debt because of what we have done for Him.

This worldview is counter to the reality. Its basic premise of man's self-sufficiency is seriously flawed. It denies the source of the gift of time that allows us to live. It denies the source of the talents or skills that allow us to succeed. It denies the fact that whatever wealth we amass or success we experience is the direct result of the application of our God-given talents within God's gift of life (time).

The Choice ... If we are merely a random mixture of talents and truly self-sufficient, then "whoever dies with the most toys" is a valid path. If we are merely a random mixture of talents and truly self-sufficient, then any gratuity that we care to leave for God can be applied to a passing grade. If it's large enough, it might even be sufficient to put God in our debt.

On the other hand, if we are uniquely created by God and endowed with the time, talents and treasure to fulfill His unique role for each of us, then how we manage these God-given gifts is paramount. One thing is certain ... it's silly to think in terms of what we can give to God. We can't give Him anything that He doesn't already have in abundance. It's ALL His ... even me. But, just like the father in Lewis' analogy, Our Father is pleased with the gratitude lovingly returned from the time, talent and treasure loaned to us.

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

BUILDING BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL'S "TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE"
Part One of the Snap-Shot History of our School from the Ground Up

Over the years, Blessed Sacrament School has been blessed through the dedication, hard work and stewardship of many generations of parish and school families. The following is Part One of the snap-shot view of the history of the school campus from the ground up. Hopefully, you will accept the invitation to attend the school open house during Catholic School's Week to see first-hand what has been accomplished.

September, 1948 ... Blessed Sacrament School opened in September, 1948 consisting of Kindergarten and grades 1& 2. Two sisters (Sister Carina and Sister Theophane) commuted from St. Patrick's Convent on Rutledge Avenue to staff the school along with Mrs. Swistak for the Kindergarten. Enrollment was 108 students.

Construction of a permanent school building was begun early in 1948 to accommodate the growing needs of Blessed Sacrament parish. The building was designed to have two classrooms and a spacious assembly hall which could be divided into two more classrooms as the parish needs required. Total cost of the building was \$33,396.



June 15, 1952 ... On June 15, 1952, ground was broken for a new Blessed Sacrament School building by His Excellency John J. Russell. This is the main building facing Savannah Highway. The completion of this building in 1953 added five (5) new classrooms, an assembly room, kitchenette, and convent. Total cost was \$162,000.

On September 4, 1953, the main school building and convent was dedicated by Bishop Russell. Sixth grade was added. The school now had grades 1 thru 6 comprised of 8 groups plus Kindergarten. Total enrollment was 471 students.



Fall 1953 - Spring 1954 ... When additional school space was required, the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament provided the "strong backs and full hearts" to erect the needed annex building on a 100% voluntary basis. The annex duplicated the first annex building and provided four (4) classrooms, restrooms, and a serving kitchen.

As reported in the News and Courier (February 2, 1954), "A monument is being built west of the Ashley. Literally, it's a school going up, an annex to the School of the Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church. But its story is such to make it a monument to the strong backs and full hearts of the approximately 30 builders. 'The men just show up', Fr. McCarthy explained. 'it's based on two factors - love of children and the bigness of men's hearts. Because of using volunteer labor, the job will be completed at a third of what it would have cost under contract."



January, 1999 ... "Building for the New Millennium Campaign" was launched. Over the years, the complete renovation and modernization of the school were undertaken. This major school program started in the main building (facing Savannah Highway). This wing was completely renovated on the first and second floors including the addition of an elevator for handicap access to the second floor. On the second floor, the work included: a) four classrooms for the 7th and 8th grades; b) a modern science classroom and lab facility; c) office space for a counselor; and, d) a conference room. On the first floor, the work included: a) four classrooms with space available for a fifth; b) expansion of the administrative office and reception areas and a first aide room; c) renovation and expansion of the library; d) addition of storage space; e) relocation of playground; and, f) school landscaping. Total Cost = \$1,416,571.

PART TWO <> NEXT WEEK

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rev. Duane T. Riplog, retired parochial vicar of St. John the Beloved Church, Summerville

MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, Joseph Balliet, M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann, Jerome J. Bishop (1st Anniv., Jan. 3), Robert Bissey, Kevin Blanchard, Marion L. (Mickey) Burn, Jr., Mary Agnes Cannon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., John Coulter, Gene Dunaway, Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Louis Frizelle, Eugene L. Halsey, A. Patrick Hiott, Donald Hiott, Gerald & Mary Hogan (Anniv., 1/11), 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, Theresa Ore, William R. Powers (Chip), Emma-Lee Privette, Robert Register, Winfield R. Scott (25th Anniv., Nov. 14), Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, Bud Thompson, Lee & Ella Nora Welcker, and Ron L. Welcker.



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, Nick Cuomo, 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, Jeanee 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.

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).

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT - February 26-28, 2010, Rock Hill, S.C. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer a safe place to work through the pain of abortion and gives HOPE for a peaceful tomorrow. Begin the New Year with a peace that surpasses all understanding. We can help. To register, please call Christy (803-554-6088) or Kathy (803-546-6010) or email grace4healing@gmail.com.



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.

K of C/DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL GOLF TOURNAMENT - The First Annual Knights of Columbus/Daughters of St. Paul Charity Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, Wild Dunes Harbor Course, shotgun start at noon. Fabulous Lowcountry Buffet and Silent Auction will be a part of the event. Carts are included in the fee. For information regarding tickets, contact Joe Harkins (scnetracer@bellsouth.net) or Jack Urbanic (ozzieu@att.net). Register before February 12 and pay on \$75 per person and \$300 per team. Registration after February 12 will be \$99 per individual and \$396 for a team. Lady golfers are most welcome! Sponsorships are also available, and you will receive a tax receipt.

JOURNEY OF HOPE CONFERENCE 2010 will be held February 27-28 in Atlanta and will offer resources and advice for divorced and separated Catholics. The conference will address issues of healing, living the Catholic faith and navigating life after divorce. Registration is open to separated and divorced men and women and those involved in related ministries. For more information and to register, visit journeyofhopeconference.com or call 404-493-2190.



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving
Offertory
Week 02 <> Jan. 10, 2010**

1st OFFERTORY

BUDGET:

Operating	\$17,000
ECDC Mortgage	\$ 3,300
TOTAL	\$20,300

ACTUAL **\$16,856**

OUTREACH:

Latin America	\$ 1,526
Other	\$ 15
BSA	\$ 17
<u>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</u>	<u>\$ 18,414</u>

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

**Prayer
Ministry & Service
Grateful Giving
Discipleship
Gratitude**

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1st Offertory <> Total Year-to-Year

Jan 11, 2009	\$ 44,491
Jan 10, 2010	\$ 39,066
	<u>-\$ (5,425)</u>

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

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