

**TODAY**

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are in loving memory of Angel Antonio Tedraza (7th Anniv., Jan. 13) with love from his family.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL** are in loving memory of Raimundo Morales (Birthday Anniv., Jan. 23) with love from Abigail and Carolina.

**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 the people and the Church of Haiti. "Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. The 7.0 magnitude earthquake that ravaged Haiti on January 12, 2010, has already claimed thousands of lives ... [Funds from this collection] will be used to support the efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care..." Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Church.

**THIS WEEK**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM:** The next RCIA class will be held Wed., January 27th. The topic for this class is "Sacrament of Initiation: Eucharist." For more info. about our RCIA program, please call Sr. Colie at 556-0801.

Young people of the parish, accompanied by their parents, approach the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** (Confession) for the first time on Saturday, January 30 at 10 a.m. Please remember these children in your prayers. God's mercy is abundant, and calls us all to a continuing conversion in our lives. May these children, through the influence of family and parish, come to know the forgiving Lord who meets us in the sacrament to encourage and strengthen us.

The **2009 CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS** are being prepared and will be mailed out this week.

**THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS**

**SUNDAY: January 24**  
**10:00 AM** Coffee and donuts - Parish Hall  
 Religious Education - School  
 Bible Group - MR  
**7:15 PM** Outreach - Parish Hall

**MONDAY: January 25**  
**7:00 PM** St. Vincent de Paul - MR  
**7:30 PM** Novena and Benediction

**TUESDAY: January 26**  
**7:00 PM** Virtus - Parish Hall

**WEDNESDAY: January 27**  
**6:45 PM** Choir Practice  
**7:00 PM** RCIA - Parish Hall  
 Spanish RCIA - MR

**THURSDAY: January 28**  
**8:45 AM** School Mass  
**4:00 PM** Finance Council  
**7:00 PM** Bible Study - MR

**SATURDAY: January 30**  
**10:00 AM** 1st Reconciliation - Church  
**7:15 PM** Crossover - Parish Hall

**PARISH NEWS**

**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.

**BSS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL "FUNRAISER"** will be held on February 6, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Tickets are \$40/single and \$75/couple. You can purchase tickets from any basketball coach or by calling 763-6179 or 670-0400. Sponsorships are available (\$100). New this year is the opportunity to be a sponsor and receive a couple's ticket for \$125.

We received from **BISHOP J. SUSAIMANICKAM** of Tamilnadu, India, who received a mission collection when he visited us in the Fall, a note at Christmas that included the following: "As we reach the end of the year 2009 I would like to thank you and thank God for the gift of you because you have ... in one way or the other revealed God to us by your sharing, giving, etc. Through your generosity we were able to help many children for their education. You are always in my thoughts and prayers and I am thankful to you for your continued prayers and support."

**YOUTH CORNER**

**IN TWO WEEKS**

What: **Souper Bowl of Caring**

When: **Sat., February 6 and Sun., February 7**

Where: **At every Mass**

As part of a national movement to help the less fortunate, young people from our parish will be standing outside the doors with soup pots after every Mass to collect your \$1 donation which will go to the Haiti relief fund. Also, we are asking parishioners to bring at least one canned good to the Mass you attend. All canned goods will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your help, and we will see you in a couple of weeks.

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

**THIS WEEK**

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

**NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, Jan. 30:** Kindergarten Bldg. - 7:15-8:45 pm

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

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, Jan. 24:** Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 pm

**Wednesday:** Mass

Blessed Sacrament Church - 6:30-7:00 a.m.

Start your day right with Mass.

**Wednesday:** Bible Study

Joe's Office - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring: A Bible

**NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday, Jan. 31:** Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 pm

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

**RESPECT LIFE**

The Gospel reading today fits perfectly with the sad commemoration of Roe vs. Wade (January 22), which hundreds of thousands of citizens observe as an occasion to advocate for the rights of children in the womb and call for their protection. Such advocacy is at the heart of the Gospel and of Jesus' mission. "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives ... to let the oppressed go free."

Nobody is more oppressed in our world today than the unborn child. The Spirit of the Lord, who is our Advocate in heaven, fills us and makes us advocates for these lives. And that advocacy takes so many numerous forms in the wide variety of activities in the pro-life movement. Just as the second reading reminds us of the diversity of the one Body of Christ, so is that diversity manifested in the pro-life movement which, driven by the same Spirit who is "Father of the poor," seeks the same ultimate goal.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Families of current students received their re-registration information last week. Registration of new students will begin on January 31st which is also the first day of Catholic Schools Week. This year, for new families, we will have two Open Houses with tours of the school. The first will be on Sunday, January 31st from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. The second will be on Tuesday, February 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

On January 31st, as part of Catholic Schools Week, students are encouraged to wear their school uniforms to Mass. The students who do this will receive a TAG day.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, there will be daily activities for students; including a talk by Mayor Joe Riley (middle school), the second annual scavenger hunt (middle school) and "Guess How Many" (lower school), ice cream sundaes (lower school), hotdog cook-out (middle school), art contest (all students), school spirit TAG day (all students), door decorating contest (room mothers/ students), faculty/school volleyball game, etc.!

Other activities include Grandparents Day on February 1st when grandparents may have lunch with their grandchildren (lower school). The Science Fair display (middle school) will be on Thursday, February 4th. The Open House for parents of current students will be on Friday, February 5th.

Catholic Schools are "A+: Experience the Extraordinary."

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 31, 2010**

Monday	01/25	Acts 22:3-16	Mark 16:15-18	Conversion of St. Paul
Tuesday	01/26	2 Timothy 1:1-8	Luke 10:1-9	St. Timothy & St. Titus
Wednesday	01/27	2 Samuel 7:4-17	Mark 4:1-20	
Thursday	01/28	Wisdom 7:7-16	Matthew 23:8-12	St. Thomas Aquinas
Friday	01/29	2 Samuel 11:1-17	Mark 4:26-34	
Saturday	01/30	2 Samuel 12:1-17	Mark 4:35-41	
Sunday	01/31	Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19	Luke 4:21-30	4th 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.*



*Begin each day with a grateful heart.*

## GRATITUDE 2010 ... GIVING GRATEFULLY

*Dennis Dunn, dressed in a blue sport coat and holding a coffee cup, was begging money from winos on Chicago's West Side. Dunn explained that he was working for Making Choices, a prison ministry that provides guidance and social support for youth released from a detention center. To get to meetings, the youth have to cross gang boundaries. The ministry needed a van to pick them up. Most of the funds came from suburbanites, but Dunn thought people in the area wanted to feel a part of the ministry.*

*"A waitress at Edna's Soul Food Restaurant... emptied her tip apron... A guy with his bottle in a bag tossed in a pair of dimes." Dunn said, "No matter what you've heard ... these neighborhoods are filled with people who care. Even the winos. Unbelievable!"*

*(Reprinted from Jesus 2000, A Contemporary Walk with Jesus, Mark Link, SJ)*

*Unbelievable? Not really! Jesus' observation and comment (Mark 12:41-44) about the giving practices in the temple provide an insight into what should be the foundation of Christian stewardship in our lives. Generosity isn't measured by the amount or size of the gift that we put in the Offertory. The gifts of the suburbanites provided "most of the funds" for the van in Chicago. Just as "many rich people put in large sums" as Jesus observed in the temple (Mark 12:41). But Jesus was pleased by the coins of the widow. Her giving demonstrated a detachment from*

*"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."*

*(Mark 12:43-44)*

*material possessions and a willingness to depend on God. Her gift was an act of trust in Him to provide. So too, the gifts of the waitress and wino who gave all that they had because they cared. Like their response, our generosity should be a disciple's response to Jesus' commandment to "love our neighbors as ourselves."*

*Generosity isn't a gift from what we have left over after we have accumulated all of our toys. The rich donors in the temple gave from their surplus indicating that God was secondary in their lives after their wealth and life-style. It doesn't seem an accident that Jesus denounces the scribes for their pride and pretentiousness in the verses immediately prior to the story of the widow in Mark's gospel. When the widow gifted her coins, she committed herself to her God first. So too, the waitress and wino whose gifts required a sacrifice in their life-style.*

*None of us would knowingly like to be compared to those giving only from their excess or accused of the pretentiousness of the scribes. What do our actions say? Have you ever heard, "If I win the lottery, the church will get a big donation." Maybe you have said it yourself. Possibly, these words are spoken in the sincerity of the moment. They are only words and don't require us to sacrifice anything. In fact, they don't require us to do anything except proclaim something which we don't believe will ever happen. Also, they demonstrate our confusion about the reasons for giving. Even if we were to win the lottery and stay true to our proclamation, you have to wonder, "How would Jesus see the gift of the lottery winnings compared to the gifts of the widow, the waitress and the wino? How would this gift from surplus winnings compare to our commitment to a much smaller but sacrificial gift each week in the Offertory?" Our giving should reflect our belief that God is the source of everything in our lives. Like the widow, like the waitress, like the wino, our gift should demonstrate our belief and trust in our God to provide.*

*Gratefulness is the key to a happy life that we hold in our hands, because if we are not grateful, then no matter how much we have we will not be happy — because we will always want to have something else or something more."*

*Brother David Steindl-Rast*

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 Two 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 Part Two completes 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.

**December, 2005** ... Construction of the new Early Childhood Development Center (Kindergarten building) began with the demolition of the existing K-5 & Maintenance building (this building was originally erected in 1948 to house the school buses) and the existing K-4 building (one of the "temporary" Quonset-hut-like buildings erected in the 60's). Construction of the new building began in January, 2006. Upon completion of the new Kindergarten building, the last "temporary" Quonset-hut-like building (Music and PE rooms) was removed.

**September 24, 2006** ... The opening of the *Father Joseph F. Hanley, Jr. Early Childhood Development Center* was attended by a standing-room-only crowd of parishioners, parents, friends and supporters of Blessed Sacrament School including Mayor Joseph Riley (City of Charleston) who highlighted the importance of Catholic education to his life. The building was dedicated with a blessing by Bishop Robert Baker (Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston) and a prayer of thanksgiving by Father Hanley (Pastor of Blessed Sacrament).

The Kindergarten includes: five (5) State-of-the-Art classrooms; boys & girls restrooms; a meeting room; maintenance office, shop & storage; and a spacious, sky-lit commons area ... a total of 8,678 square feet. A connecting canopy provides sheltered access to the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade building. Total cost was \$1,481,693.



**Summer 2007** ... Modernization and Renovation of the Technology and Fine Arts Center of the School and repaving of one-half of the parking lot (church-side of parish hall) were completed. The special areas classrooms dedicated to music, computer science, art and physical education were opened for the start of the 2007 – 2008 school year. This wing includes: four (4) learner friendly classrooms; addition of a boy's restroom and renovation of the girl's restroom; new heating and air conditioning system; and code-compliant mechanical and electrical system. Total cost = \$537,000.



**Summer 2009** ... During the summer of 2009, work was begun on the St. Teresa Drive side of the school with the completion of the renovation and modernization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade wing. (The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade wing remains to be done.) The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade wing includes: four (4) state-of-the-art classrooms; boys and girls restrooms; faculty lounge; staff office with restroom; and storage room. The work also included renovation of the breezeway and corridor opening onto the courtyard. Total cost = \$517,341.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL AND SEE THE MIRACLE UNDER WAY**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK <> JANUARY 31 through FEBRUARY 5, 2010**

**WATCH FOR SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

## PARISH NEWS

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

*Vermelle Browne*, of Blessed Sacrament Parish  
*Barbara Gregorie*, wife of Joseph Gregorie of  
 Blessed Sacrament Parish

### MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann, Robert Bissey, Col. Eugene Borowski, Frances Bouvette, Marion L. (Mickey) Burn, Jr., Mary Agnes Cannon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., John Coulter, Colleen Evans, Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Louis Frizelle, James Gantt, Eugene L. Halsey, A. Patrick Hiott, Donald Hiott, William Kenneth Johnson, Arthur P. Jones, Rebecca L. Jones, Karen Ann 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, Jean McLaughlin, Elizabeth M. Pringle (3rd Anniv., Feb. 4), Robert Register, Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, 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, 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, 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

**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](mailto:grace4healing@gmail.com).



### 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](mailto:scnetracer@bellsouth.net)) or Jack Urbanic ([ozzieu@att.net](mailto:ozzieu@att.net)). Register before February 12 and pay \$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.

**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](http://journeyofhopeconference.com) or call 404-493-2190.

Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Center will hold its **13th ANNUAL BLESSINGS FROM THE HEART FUND-RAISING AUCTION** on Sunday, January 31, 2010. The event will take place at the Marriott Hotel on Lockwood Boulevard, beginning at 1:00 p.m. A silent auction, accompanied by music from Lowcountry Bluegrass and beverages, leads to Sunday dinner with entertainment by Bill Schlitt and family and a live auction of special items such as vacation getaways, special dinners and much more! Tickets are \$75. Please call 559-4109 to receive an invitation.

**SERRA CLUB** meeting will take place on Thursday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Center conference room. Serra Clubs foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life. For more information, call Will Simons at 412-2465 or email [willmsim@aol.com](mailto:willmsim@aol.com).



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving  
Offertory  
Week 03 <> Jan. 17, 2010**

**1st OFFERTORY**

**BUDGET:**

Operating	\$17,000
ECDC Mortgage	\$ 3,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,300</b>

**ACTUAL** **\$17,886**

**OUTREACH:**

Latin America	\$ 135
Other	\$ 20
Haiti Quake Relief	\$ 170
<b><u>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,211</u></b>

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

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

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

Jan 18, 2009	\$ 60,285
Jan 17, 2010	\$ <u>56,953</u>
	<b>-\$ ( 3,332)</b>

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

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| <b>Henry Wilson</b>  | <b>266-5400</b> | <b>Chairman</b>  |
| <b>Rosie Cochran</b> | <b>766-1661</b> | <b>Secretary</b> |
| <b>Joe Bolchoz</b>   | <b>556-1606</b> |                  |
| <b>Danny Condon</b>  | <b>571-6118</b> |                  |
| <b>Tony Daniel</b>   | <b>556-4241</b> |                  |
| <b>John Grisillo</b> | <b>270-3692</b> |                  |