

**TODAY**



**FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL** are in loving memory of Charlie Lovingood (28th Birthday Anniv., Dec. 26) with love from his Mom and Reilly.

**SECOND COLLECTION** today is for Maintenance.



The **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY** invites us to reflect on those attitudes and behaviors that build up the family. Our Savior grew in wisdom and grace within a family - the Holy Family - and tells us to expect the same growth in our lives when we invite God's blessing on all we do in our own families and in support of families.

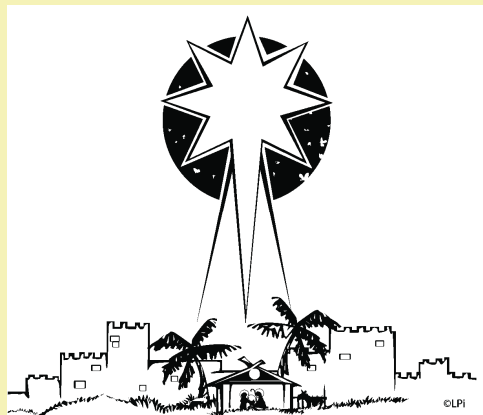
**CHRISTMAS CORNER**



New Year's Day is celebrated as the **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** - a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated Thursday, December 31 at 6:15 p.m. and Friday, January 1 at 10 a.m. Mary, the humble servant of the Lord, was elevated by the grace of God to majesty because she brought into the world the one who was

her redeemer as well as the savior of all. We begin the new year praising God for what he has done in our world and promises to do.

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed December 31 and January 1 in observance of the New Year holiday.



**THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS**

- SUNDAY: December 27**
- 10:00 AM** Coffee & Donuts - Parish Hall
- MONDAY: December 28**
- 7:00 PM** St. Vincent de Paul - MR
- 7:30 PM** Novena and Benediction
- WEDNESDAY: December 30**
- 6:45 PM** Choir Practice
- 7:00 PM** Spanish RCIA - MR
- THURSDAY: December 31**  
**Parish Office Closed**
- 6:15 PM** Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass
- FRIDAY: January 1**  
**Parish Office Closed**
- 10:00 AM** Solemnity of Mary Mass

**THIS WEEK**

**PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY:** The following days and times have been set aside especially for Blessed Sacrament Church Directory Portraits. Drop-ins are welcome at these times. Please call AccuPhoto Lab (571-4817) directly to set an appointment for your family. Please see the flyers by the doors of the church.

- Sunday, December 27th Noon to 5 pm
- Tuesday, December 29th 2 pm to 7 pm
- Wednesday, December 30th 2 pm to 7 pm



Congratulations to **FRANCIS and ARTES CLAIR**, who celebrated their 50 year wedding anniversary on December 26th. Many blessings to you both!

**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, Dec. 26:** NO MEETING - Merry Christmas!

**NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, Jan. 2:** NO MEETING - Happy New Year!

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

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, Dec. 27:** NO MEETING - Merry Christmas!

**Wednesday:** Mass, Adoration & Breakfast

Time: 6:30-7:00 a.m.

Place: Blessed Sacrament Church

Join us for Mass & Adoration, followed by breakfast.

**Wednesday:** Bible Study

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Place: Joe’s office

Bring: A Bible

**NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday, Dec. 27:** NO MEETING - Happy New Year!

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

**RESPECT LIFE**

The great lesson of today is that although God could have come into the world in any way he pleased, he chose to become a member of a family, obedient to his earthly parents, and yet totally devoted to the Heavenly Father’s will, as we all must be.

He also shared the vulnerability that comes with being a member of a human family. “Herod is going to search for the child in order to destroy him.” St. Joseph here plays the unspeakable role of protecting God. His readiness to do so, in the person of his child, speaks to every father about the role of protector, and to our whole society about the need we have for good fathers. The culture of life depends just as much on fathers making the right choices as on mothers doing so.

It is precisely the breakdown of family structure that increases the temptation to abort, or to resort to euthanasia or a lack of proper care for the elderly. On the other hand, the communion of persons that comes from giving oneself away to the other in selfless love is what creates the proper context for saying a generous “yes” to life. The very word “family” stands for “Forget About Me; I Love You.”

([priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org))

**SCHOOL CORNER**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 3, 2009**

Monday	12/28	1 John 1:5-2:2	Matthew 2:13-18	Holy Innocents
Tuesday	12/29	1 John 2:3-11	Luke 2:22-35	
Wednesday	12/30	1 John 2:12-17	Luke 2:36-40	
Thursday	12/31	1 John 2:18-21	John 1:1-18	
Friday	01/01	Numbers 6:22-27	Luke 2:16-21	Solemnity of Mary
Saturday	01/02	1 John 2:22-28	John 1:19-28	St. Basil & St. Gregory
Sunday	01/03	Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-12	Epiphany

# 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.*

**BISHOP GUGLIELMONE  
CELEBRATES SCHOOL MASS  
AT BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**ROSEANN TRACY  
(Principal) WELCOMES  
BISHOP GUGLIELMONE  
to Blessed Sacrament  
School**



**CROSIER ... a staff with a hooked end like a shepherd's crook, carried by Catholic bishops, symbolizing their roles of caring for their congregations as shepherds tend flocks**



**Using his Crosier to demonstrate, Bishop Guglielmono explains his role as bishop to guide his flock to answer "YES" to God's call.**



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

## **CONTINUING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL "TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE"**



### **SEVEN BLESSED SACRAMENT STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS "OUTSTANDING EIGHTH GRADE SCHOLARS"**

**Roseann Tracy, Principal, congratulates students for their accomplishment.**

(Left to Right): Margaret Lang, Bradford Game, Alexander Flowers, Mrs. Tracy, Hayden Flowers, Wesley Welborn, Taylor Oden, Jessie Crosby.



Seven Blessed Sacrament students have been recognized as "*Outstanding Eighth Grade Scholars*" by Bishop England High School. The Outstanding Scholars program recognizes eighth grade students from Catholic schools throughout the area. Each year, the principals of the Catholic elementary schools identify students who have demonstrated scholarship by achieving PSAT scores of 50 or above in the math, verbal or writing test. Certificates will be presented at the graduation award ceremony.

## PARISH NEWS

### MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann (Birthday Anniv., Dec. 29), Robert Bissey, Kevin Blanchard, Rev. William C. Burn, Mary Agnes Cannon, Caroline Condon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., John Coulter, Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Edwina Black Francese (3rd Anniv., Dec. 28), Louis Frizelle (Birthday Anniv., Dec. 25), Helen Garrett, 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., M/M Kodges, Louie Lempesis, Norma Lighthart, Victor Lighthart, Sr., Victor Lighthart, Jr., Mary Schachte Linder, James Luhrs, Bernard Maginn, Neola Beckmann McAndrews, Mary Frances Condon McDaid, Caroline D. McDermott, Charles W. McDermott, Sydney McMahan, Willard Oldmixon, MD, Robert Register, Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, Doris Chopski-Terrell (2nd Anniv., Dec. 31), Lee & Ella Nora Welcker, Ron L. Welcker, and Frank Wilson (5th Anniv., Dec. 28).

**PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Eva Marie Baird, 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, Abe Keating, 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, Laurence Montano, Edson Moya, Christina Nolen, Theresa Oru, Delmar Raymer, Jeaneane B. Raymond, Barbara Robinson, Betsy Robinson, Margaret Shieder, Gary Sullivan, 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

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM:** The next RCIA class will be held Wed., January 6th. The topic for this class is "The Church - Apostolic Tradition." For more info. about our RCIA program, please call Sr. Colie at 556-0801.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** If you are a new altar server, have been to at least two practices and have not received a schedule, please call Deacon James at 901-9496.

**PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA** has a gift for you this Christmas! They are offering a discount of 15% on a purchase of \$40 or more from now until December 31, 2009. Simply present a copy of this bulletin to receive your discount. Coupons are also available on the web at [www.pauline.org](http://www.pauline.org). Discount does not apply to sale items or to dated material. Offer is valid only at our location. Limit one coupon per person. For more information, call 577-0175.

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.



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving  
Offertory  
Week 50 <> Dec. 13, 2009**

**1st OFFERTORY**

**BUDGET:**

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

<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,342</u></b>
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**OUTREACH:**

Priest Retirement	\$ 334
Human Dev.	\$ 122
BSA	\$ 526

<b><u>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,324</u></b>
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**Stewardship ... Sharing God's Gifts  
Time in Prayer  
Time & Talent in Ministry & Service  
Time, Talent & Treasure  
Gratefully Given**

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

Dec. 07, 2008	\$ 973,239
Dec. 13, 2009	\$ <u>920,557</u>
	<b>-\$ (52,692)</b>

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

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