

TODAY

DURING LENT FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHAPEL ONLY. 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.

There is a **LOST AND FOUND BOX** located in the first confessional on the right-hand side at the main entrance to the church.

Welcome once again to **FATHER TERRY FLEMMING**, who is celebrating the 9 & 11 o'clock Masses!

LENTEN CORNER

“I BELIEVE...” During Lent, Mr. Carl Sims (Adjunct Professor, The Citadel) will present the creed and provide guidance from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for better understanding of what we recite. Three weekly sessions, on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, remain. Light refreshments will be provided.

RICE BOWLS are available at the entrance to the church. Please take a rice bowl and leaflet. Money collected from the rice bowls will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

WEEKDAY MASS DURING LENT will be at 6:30 a.m., Mon. through Fri., and 12 Noon, Mon. through Thurs.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS take place on the Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. This week the stations will be led by the Youth Groups.

The Fridays of Lent are days of **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT** for all age 14 and over. Good Friday is a day of **ABSTINENCE AND FASTING.**

During Lent, our **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP** is encouraging participation in their class. They meet from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.



2010 LENTEN RETREAT- a retreat even the most hard-working and busiest can attend. Traditionally, we must go “away” to a retreat, but this retreat is coming to us. There will be a morning session from 9:00-10:30 and an evening session from 7:00-8:15 each day from March 22 through March 25. Plan to participate in as many sessions as your schedule permits; each session will be unique and will have a different focus.

THIS WEEK’S PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY: February 28
10:00 AM Coffee and donuts - Parish Hall
 Religious Education - School
 Bible Group - MR

MONDAY: March 1
12:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM “I Believe” - BSS library
7:30 PM Novena and Benediction

TUESDAY: March 2
12:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM K of C - Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY: March 3
BSS out at noon
12:00 PM Mass
6:15 PM Choir Practice
7:00 PM RCIA - Parish Hall
 Spanish RCIA - MR

THURSDAY: March 4
BSS no school
12 NOON Mass
7:00 PM Bible Study - MR

FRIDAY: March 5
BSS no school
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY: March 6
7:15 PM Crossover - Parish Hall

PARISH NEWS



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM: The next RCIA class will be held Wed., March 3, 2010. The topic for this class is “Sin and Forgiveness.” For more info. about our RCIA program, please call Sr. Colie at 556-0801.

Continue to pray for our **CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES** who will receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Last Sunday the following went to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist for the Rite of Election: Catechumens- Annette Calhoun, Jack Gissell, Brandon Hooks, Jaret Knaab-Maxwell, Carlton Lyons, Kayce Marvin, Alicia Rios, Alexander Rios, Victoria Rios. Candidates- Delores Becude, Christina Becude, Melanie Coulter, Daniel Goff, Deborah Hooks, Arliene Sports, Jonathan Vetter.

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, Feb. 27: NO MEETING - State Tournament

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, March 6: Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 p.m.

OUTREACH - For 9th-12th Graders

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 28: NO MEETNIG– State Tournament

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, March 7: Parish Hall - 7:45-8:15 p.m.

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

RESPECT LIFE

FRESH COMMITMENT TO LIFE: Cardinal Justin Rigali, in the annual Mass for Life in Washington, D.C. in 2007, commented on the Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. He called it a “misguided use of judicial power exercised in the name of the authority resting in the people of the United States of America.” He went on to say, “Each passing year confirms us in the pain of recognizing the violence inflicted upon millions and millions of unborn children and even partially born children in our land. It is important that this truth be acknowledged, that repentance be sincere, and that effective means be taken to stop this grotesque tragedy, while preventing it from being repeated in the future. At the same time each passing year confirms us in new hope for the future. As people of prayer, we are moved by the words of Saint Paul, who says: ‘...we have set our hope on the living God’ (1 Tim 4:10). The word of God and His commandments encourage us in our efforts, and they certainly inspire the rising generation to form new attitudes and assume a fresh commitment to the cause of life.’ priestsforlife.org

March 25, 2010 - **LOWCOUNTRY PREGNANCY CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET** - “Amazing Praise” - Embassy Suites Ballroom, 5055 International Boulevard, North Charleston - 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker and pro-life advocate will be Pam Tebow (the mother of Tim Tebow- quarterback for the Florida Gators and winner of the Heisman Trophy). Please call 843-863-1510 for more information or visit <http://lpcpdonors.com>.



PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Lowcountry Pregnancy Center:
553-3505 (N. Chas.) or 225-3010 (West Ashley)
Birthright of Charleston: 556-4403
Nationwide Toll Free: 1-800-395-HELP
www.pregnancycenters.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 - MARCH 7, 2010

Monday	03/01	Daniel 9:4-10	Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday	03/02	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20	Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday	03/03	Jeremiah 18:18-20	Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday	03/04	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 16:19-31
Friday	03/05	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-28	Matthew 21:33-46
Saturday	03/06	Micah 7:14-20	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	03/07	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15	Luke 13:1-9 3rd Sunday of Lent

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.

2010 BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Your donations and pledges help support these ministries and individuals through the 2010 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal:

1. Catholic Charities	\$625,000
2. Support for Vocations	\$550,000
3. Catholic School Grants	\$300,000
4. Youth Ministry & Outreach	\$375,000
5. College Campus Ministry	\$275,000
6. Retired Priests	\$125,000



**A THANK YOU NOTE
FROM FATHER HANLEY**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their participation and support of the 2010 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal.

A significant number of donations and pledges were received at the Diocesan Stewardship Office this past week. As you can see from the box above, your gifts combined with those from the Catholic community throughout South Carolina will support the important work of our diocese.

I, along with Bishop Guglielmone would like to thank you for your help in making this year's Bishop's Stewardship Appeal a success. May God bless you for your generosity and sacrifice.

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

EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY AND GO BEYOND WHAT'S POSSIBLE

This poster (to the right) was created by a Blessed Sacrament School student as part of the recent Catholic Schools Week celebration. The poster's theme, "Experience the Extraordinary and go beyond what's possible" brought to mind a letter previously published in our bulletin. The letter was written by a parent of a student at Blessed Sacrament School who asked to remain anonymous. Her letter puts the poster's theme into words that explain the extraordinary Tradition of Excellence that is the hallmark of a Catholic education at Blessed Sacrament School. The following is the parent's letter. Because of its length, it will be reprinted in two installments.



**"Experience the Extraordinary and go beyond what's possible"
Student Poster – Catholic Schools Week**

A PARENT'S OPEN LETTER ...

As a parent, I've seen my kids gain things from Catholic Education that are invaluable. It's easy to speak of the positive reinforcement that Blessed Sacrament School has provided my kids in the areas of being kind to others, embracing diversity, setting goals, giving of yourself, being held accountable, setting priorities, and so much more. In addition to the wonderful religious education our kids receive, we also look to test results and kids who go on to further their education in high school and beyond as other measures of "the value of a Catholic Education".

BUT, there is so much more value from Catholic Education than high test scores, graduation rates, faith formation, and success in high school and college. Some of the great things that we don't readily associate with Catholic School Education are less visible ... and maybe more powerful ... than what we see on the surface. From this Catholic parent's perspective, here are just a few of the benefits we've received:

- **Consistency/Stability** – Both within my home and within the Blessed Sacrament school and parish community, my kids grew to recognize consistency. Very often with consistency comes a sense of familiarity and stability. And, for a child, those consistent home and school environments often translate into a host of wonderful social skills and not fearing for the future.
- **Community** – There is a special bond that takes place when the retired neighbor down the street is someone you see at Mass, or a parishioner whom you know (even as a child) is someone who volunteers at coaching a sports team, or helping with St. Vincent DePaul's work, or attending Perpetual Adoration, or participating in parish projects like the hall renovation. The sense of community that exists at Blessed Sacrament school and parish is not something you set out to consciously teach kids about, but over the course of a K-4 through eighth grade catholic education you'd be surprised to discover how deeply this sense of community is within our kids.

(INSTALLMENT 2 ... Completion of letter to be published next week)

PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann, Robert Bissey, Elouise Brown (living), Mary Agnes Cannon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., John Coulter, Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Edward J. Finnerty, Jr., Louis Frizelle, Helen Garret, Eugene L. Halsey, Martha J.T. Harrison (2nd Anniv., Feb. 27), Lynn Hershey, A. Patrick Hiott, Donald Hiott, William Kenneth Johnson, Arthur P. Jones, Rebecca L. Jones, Daniel F. Kennerty, Sr., Lawrence J. Kennerty, Sr., Norma Lighthart, Victor Lighthart, Sr., Victor Lighthart, Jr., Mary Schachte Linder, James P. Luhrs, Bernard Maginn, Neola Beckmann McAndrews, Caroline D. McDermott, Charles W. McDermott, Anne Scandalios, Nicholas Scandalios, Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, Lee & Ella Nora Welcker, and Ron L. Welcker.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eva Marie Baird, Dorothy Bendt, Patrick Birt, Les Blyth, Nick Cuomo, Harper Drolet, Kit Dunlap, Sally Fosberry, Kerry Jacques, Abe Keating, Donna Keating, Mildred "Tunkey" Kennerty, Frank Kerr, Sally LaTorre, Emmalee Lyman, Charlie Meyer, Mike Mikell, Edson Moya, Barbara Robinson, Margaret Shieder, Andrew Siegers, Bryan Wilson, and all members of our parish who are sick and/or hospitalized. To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call Helen Mellette at 556-2707.



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, Krystal Mason, Stanley Morgan (son of John Morgan), and Anthony Schmit (Afghanistan, nephew of Bob & Barb Nicolai).

The **PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MINISTRIES** of Blessed Sacrament Parish are now being taken by AccuPhoto Lab. This is the last step toward publication of our church directory. Please don't be one of the families or ministries missing this opportunity. If your group (or family) has not been photographed, please call AccuPhoto Lab (571-4817) before it is too late to be included.



Blessed Sacrament Church will be serving supper at the **CRISIS MINISTRY SHELTER** on March 5, 2010. If you can help serve or prepare a dish, call Ann Mitchum at 766-1401. We meet at the church at 6:15 p.m. to go to the shelter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Sacrament church and school offices would like to remind you to **LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS** and **DO NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR IN PLAIN SIGHT**. Thieves have struck again.

BEHS TRIPLE B CLUB ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST will be held Saturday, March 6, 2010, from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at the Elks Club West Ashley. They will serve hotdogs, chili, beer and wine. There will be live music. Donation of \$25.00. Contact Lee Ann Garrett (345-4352) for more information.

The Knights of Columbus, together with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and South Carolina Irish Historical Society, announce the following **2010 CHARLESTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS**: Wednesday, March 17, 8:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 134 St. Philip Street; 10:00 am parade from St. Patrick's to St. John the Baptist Cathedral via King Street; 11:30 am Irish flag-raising, etc. at City Hall on Broad and Meeting Streets; and 12:00 noon Irish luncheon/entertainment at O'Malley's, 549 King Street. Contact Shannon Hurley at 556-3578 or hurley.jshannon1@gmail.com.

A **LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION** is being offered for young adults and young adult leaders on March 20, 2010, from 9:15 am until 3:00 pm at Our Lady of the Hills in Columbia, S.C. Cost is \$15 per person. Presenter for the reflection day will be Fr. Timothy S. Valentine, a member of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus and a priest-in-residence at Transfiguration Church in Blythewood, S.C. For more information, contact Deacon James Moore at jmoore@catholic-doc.org or 843-670-2586.

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone invites everyone to a **PRISON MINISTRY RETREAT MASS** on March 6, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Hills Church in Columbia, S.C. The Mass is followed by a Retreat (10:30 am to 2:00 pm) conducted by Fr. Anthony Droze, Pastor and Chaplain to Prisons in the Columbia area. Continental breakfast after Mass and box lunch provided. Visit their website to register - www.supportcatholiccharities.org. Click on Prison Ministry box to register.

JAVA WITH JESUS- Young adults have the opportunity to join Fr. Wilson, Bishop Guglielmone and the Dominican Sisters of Nashville at a three part Lenten journey about encountering Jesus in your life on March 3, 10 and 15 from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Daughters of St. Paul on King Street. Admission is free. For more information, contact Deacon James Moore at 670-2586 or jmoore@catholic-doc.org.



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving
Offertory
Week 08 <> Feb. 21, 2010**

1st OFFERTORY

BUDGET:

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

ACTUAL \$16,443

OUTREACH:

BSA	\$ 701
Rice Bowl	\$ 26
Other	\$ 22

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$ 17,192

STEWARDSHIP'S NEVER ENDING CIRCLE

Gratitude
Commitment
Trust
Generosity

1st Offertory <> Total Year-to-Year

Feb. 22, 2009	\$ 154,015
Feb. 21, 2010	<u>\$ 144,826</u>
	-\$ (9,189)

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

Henry Wilson	266-5400	Chairman
Rosie Cochran	766-1661	Secretary
Joe Bolchoz	556-1606	
Danny Condon	571-6118	
Tony Daniel	556-4241	
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