

TODAY**FLOWERS UNDER THE CHAPEL**

ALTAR are in loving memory of Tim Lannan (Birthday Anniv., April 13) and also in loving memory of Michael Lannan (Birthday Anniv., April 15) with love from their sister Barbara.

FLOWERS ARE NEEDED for the chapel next weekend. If you wish to donate for flowers, please call Alice Bolchoz at 766-7202. The deadline for flower announcements is the Sunday evening prior to publication.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal.

RICE BOWLS may be returned in the marked receptacle near the front door.

PARISH NEWS

The **PASTORAL COUNCIL** consists of nine individuals elected from the parish membership. Any member, 18 years or older, of our parish is eligible to serve as a member of the council.

Each elected member serves a 3 year term. The council is advisory in nature and consultative in vote. Its role is to work with the pastor in determining a vision of growth and development for the parish and establish reasonable goals and objectives. Thank you to all who submitted nominations for new members. Election of three new members will be held by ballot on April 25.

Blessed Sacrament Parish offers to provide **TUITION ASSISTANCE** for parish families who wish to send a child or children to Blessed Sacrament School or Bishop England High School for the 2010-2011 school year. The amount of assistance is influenced by the judgment of true financial need among the families who apply for help. A tuition assistance packet may be picked up in the parish office. Deadline for submission is April 15.

The **K of C PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held Sunday, April 18, 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 **WOMEN'S GUILD** will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The new director of Birthright will be our guest speaker. Election of officers will also take place. Babysitting is available. For more details, please contact Maria Stephens at 763-7948.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY: April 11
10:00 AM Coffee and Donuts - Parish Hall
 Religious Education
 Bible Group - MR
12:00 PM Rosary for Respect Life - Chapel

MONDAY: April 12
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul - MR
7:30 PM Novena and Benediction

TUESDAY: April 13
7:00 PM Stewardship - MR

WEDNESDAY: April 14
6:45 PM Choir Practice
7:00 PM Spanish RCIA - MR

THURSDAY: April 15
8:45 AM School Mass
7:00 PM Bible Study - Parish Office
 Pastoral Council - MR

SATURDAY: April 17
9:00 AM Confirmation Retreat - Parish Hall
7:15 PM Crossover - Parish Hall

EASTER CORNER**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM:**

We wish to welcome the following candidates and catechumens who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass:

Candidates: Christina Becude, Dolores Becude, Destiny Cooper, Melanie Coulter, Daniel Goff, Deborah Hooks, John Ross, Jr., Andrew Sobolewski, Kathy Sobolewski, Arlene Sports, Jonathan Vetter and Lindsay Warren.

Catechumens: Annette Calhoun, Jack Gissell, Brandon Hooks, Carlton Lyons, Kayce Marvin, Jaret Knab-Maxwell, Jackson Reid, Alejandrina Rios, Alicia Rios, Tatianna Rios and Victoria Rios.

EASTER is much more than a day - it is a season of fifty days that is actually older in the church than Lent. During Easter we ask that the light of Christ's Resurrection dawn in our hearts and minds until it burns brightly in the fire of Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day (May 23 this year). As we listen to the story of the initial spread of the Gospel, we ask to grow during the 50 days in understanding the mystery of death and resurrection and sharing in the mystery in our lives. The names of the Sundays reflect the celebration during 50 days - this is the Second Sunday of Easter.

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, April 10: NO MEETING - Joe out of town

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, April 17: Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 p.m.

OUTREACH - For 9th-12th Graders

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 11: NO MEETING - Search Retreat

Wednesday: Mass

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

Wednesday: XLT

Chancery West - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Contact Joe TODAY for directions.

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, April 18: Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 p.m.

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

RESPECT LIFE

“I hold the keys of death.” Only the Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, can say that, as we hear him say in today’s second reading. In this reading, John “heard ...a voice as loud as a trumpet,” and he himself was on the island of Patmos precisely because he had trumpeted the message of Christ. Today’s first reading shows us that the apostles’ preaching of the Resurrection was accompanied by tremendous signs. The Resurrection, in other words, gives rise to a community of those who both believe and proclaim it, and bring its power to the world. That is why we are pro-life.

In today’s Gospel, Thomas doubted the victory of life over death. It was only when he reunited himself with the community that he, too, saw the Lord. Today, we are that community of faith, bringing the world to understand that the destiny of the human person is life, not death, and that there is only one who holds the keys of death. He is the Lord of our lives, our freedom, and our choices. He is the Risen One! (www.priestsforlife.org).

ROSARY AT ABORTION FACILITY: Please join fellow Catholics from parishes around the county as we pray the Rosary and other prayers at the West Ashley abortion facility at 1312 Ashley River Road on Saturday, April 17. This event takes place the third Saturday of every month, from 8 to 9 a.m. Come be a voice for God’s littlest ones and their mothers.



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 APRIL 12 - APRIL 18, 2010

Monday	04/12	Acts 4:23-31	John 3:1-8	
Tuesday	04/13	Acts 4:32-37	John 3:7-15	
Wednesday	04/14	Acts 5:17-26	John 3:16-21	
Thursday	04/15	Acts 5:27-33	John 3:31-36	
Friday	04/16	Acts 5:34-42	John 6:1-15	
Saturday	04/17	Acts 6:1-7	John 6:16-21	
Sunday	04/18	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41	John 21:1-19	3rd Sunday of Easter

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
Mid-Year Review ... Income & Outlays
JULY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
Offertory	\$ 469,786	\$ 481,500	\$ (11,714)
Designated	52,377	55,751	(3,374)
Religious Ed, Rent etc.	37,653	26,550	11,103
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$ 559,816</u>	<u>\$ 563,801</u>	<u>\$ (3,985)</u>
 <u>OUTLAYS</u>			
Church	\$ 95,579	\$ 98,556	\$ 2,977
Operations & Maint	133,559	134,263	704
Administration	184,490	185,870	1,380
Religious Education	23,530	23,885	355
ECDC Mortgage			
Interest	15,521	16,134	613
Principle	70,141	70,141	-- 0 --
Capital Improvements	59,643	59,643	-- 0 --
<u>TOTAL OUTLAYS</u>	<u>\$ 582,463</u>	<u>\$ 588,492</u>	<u>\$ 6,029</u>
 FROM RESERVES	 \$ (22,647)	 \$ (24,691)	 \$ 2,044

Because of the generosity and stewardship within our parish, the financial condition of Blessed Sacrament Church remains sound. During the first six months (July 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009) of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 (FY 09-10), total income from Offertory, Designated Gifts and Religious Ed & Rent fees was \$3,985 (-00.7%) below the Operating Budget. However, through careful stewardship of expenses and other outlays, all outlay categories were at or below budget. As a result, total outlays were \$6,029 (+01.0%) under budget.

During the summer of 2009, major renovation and modernization of the 3rd and 4th Grade Wing of our school was completed at a cost of \$517,342. As shown on the facing page, the cost of this much needed project was completely paid from reserves ... school reserves = \$470,201 ... and church reserves = \$47,141.

During these first six months of FY 09-10, the Early Childhood Development Center mortgage balance was reduced by \$70,141. As of December 31, 2009, the outstanding mortgage balance was \$585,080.78.

The next project in our Master Plan is the renovation and modernization of the 1st and 2nd Grade Wing of the school ... estimated cost = \$509,000. This project has been postponed until sufficient reserves have been accumulated.

Our Church and School continue to be blessed despite the receding economic situation. During April, please join with me in prayers of thanksgiving for these blessings and for those who are suffering during this recession.

Joseph F. Hanley, Jr., PASTOR

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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
MAJOR PROJECT UPDATE
SUMMER 2009**

Saint Teresa Drive

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<p>1st & 2nd GRADE CLASSROOMS</p> <p>OUR NEXT PROJECT</p> <p>ESTIMATED COST \$509,000</p>	<p>3rd & 4th GRADE CLASSROOMS</p> <p>TEACHER'S LOUNGE</p> <p>COMPLETELY RENOVATED SUMMER, 2009</p>	<p>TECHNOLOGY And FINE ARTS WING</p> <p>ART ROOM</p> <p>COMPUTER LAB</p> <p>MUSIC ROOM</p> <p>PE ROOM</p> <p>COMPLETELY RENOVATED</p>
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3rd & 4th GRADE WING RENOVATION
COMPLETELY RENOVATED DURING SUMMER, 2009

SCHOOL RESERVES	\$ 470,201
CHURCH RESERVES	\$ 47,141
COMPLETED COST	\$ 517,342

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<p><u>FIRST FLOOR</u></p> <p>5th & 6th GRADE CLASSROOMS</p> <p>LIBRARY & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES</p> <p>NURSES STATION</p> <p>COMPLETELY RENOVATED</p>	<p><u>SECOND FLOOR</u></p> <p>7th & 8th GRADE CLASSROOMS</p> <p>SCIENCE LAB</p> <p>COUNSELOR'S OFFICE</p> <p>COMPLETELY RENOVATED</p>
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Savannah Highway

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES:

*Donald J. Lucado, of Blessed Sacrament Parish
Family of Victor Ayala, Jr.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, Connie Ballentine, M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann, Robert Bissey, Marion L. "Mickey" Burn, Jr., Mary Agnes Cannon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Louis Frizelle, Eugene L. Halsey, 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, Bernard Maginn, Neola Beckmann McAndrews, Caroline D. McDermott, Charles W. McDermott, Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, Caronell Thomy, Lee & Ella Nora Welcker, and Ron L. Welcker.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eva Marie Baird, Dorothy Bendt, Patrick Birt, Les Blyth, Gene Burgess, Myrtice Couturier, Harper Drolet, Kit Dunlap, Peggy Felt, Jane Finnerty, Joan Finnerty, Sally Fosberry, Vincenza Francese, Kerry Jacques, Abe Keating, Donna Keating, Mildred "Tunkey" Kennerty, Frank Kerr, Sally LaTorre, Emmalee Lyman, Charlie Meyer, Edson Moya, Barbara Robinson, Margaret Shieder, Andrew Siegers, Philip Smith, Ed Tracy, Gene Werner, Bryan Wilson, and all members of our parish who are sick and/or hospitalized. **If you wish to add or delete 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, Daniel Metts (nephew of M/M Tony Weatherford), Stanley Morgan (son of John Morgan), and Anthony Schmit (Afghanistan, nephew of Bob & Barb Nicolai).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING! Mark your calendars for the week of June 28-July 2, 2010. VBS will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church for kids ages 4 through rising 5th grade. Kids ages rising 6th grade and up may register as crew leaders! Adult volunteers are needed as well, and need to be Virtus trained. For more information, please call Kathleen Ferri 766-3557.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocese of Charleston and the Oratory are sponsoring a **DISCERNMENT RETREAT** April 15-18, 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, please call the Vocations Office at 843-402-9115, ext. 22.

H.S.A. FISH FRY: On Friday, April 30, from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall, a great fish dinner with all the fixings will be available for only \$7.00. For the non-fish eaters, spaghetti dinners are also available for \$6 each. The Friday night fish fry is a joint effort of the H.S.A., with major support from the Knights of Columbus.

BSS BAZAAR: On Saturday, May 1, from 10am-3pm, the bazaar will be in full swing, offering food, fun, games, prizes and activities for everyone! This year the bazaar will feature the mystery bag booth, big prize wheel, the cake booth, rides on a fire truck, a jump castle, and so much more. The K of C will be cooking lunch. Please bring your entire family and enjoy the day at the school bazaar!

MEDATRIX RADIO, Catholic Radio in South Carolina, will host a Spring Radiothon April 14-16, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. This three day event brings you interviews with local priests, apostolates, Catholic school principals and much more. The schedule for the interviews is available on their website. The Radiothon can be heard on WQIZ 810 FM in the Lowcountry, and always live online-streaming at their website: www.catholicradioinsc.com.

THERESIANS OF CHARLESTON will host a Spring Retreat: "Women, Always Looking Up", April 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Daughters of St. Paul, 243 King Street. The Retreat Master will be Sr. Pamela Smith, SS.C.M. RSVP by April 19 (958-9754). The cost is \$10 and includes coffee & snacks. Make checks payable to Theresians of Charleston, c/o Ann Melfi, 175 Market Street, Apt. #703, Charleston, SC 29401.

Join Fr. Edward Fitzgerald as he leads a **PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE AND SPAIN** November 8-19, 2010. Spend 5 nights in Paris, 4 nights in Lourdes, spend a day in Lisieux, and a night in Barcelona. Celebrate Mass each day and enjoy free days in Paris and Lourdes to explore and spend time in personal prayer. Cost of the pilgrimage is \$3,200 and includes air fare, hotel accommodations, transportation during the pilgrimage, guided tours and entrance fees, as well as breakfast and supper daily. For more information or to register, please visit www.proximotravel.com and click on the link for Fr. Fitzgerald.



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving
 Offertory
 Week 13 <> March 28, 2010**

1st OFFERTORY

BUDGET:

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

ACTUAL **\$20,306**

OUTREACH:

Lent Retreat	\$ 1,318
Other	\$ 106
Catholic Relief	\$ 137

TOTAL OFFERTORY: **\$ 21,867**

STEWARDSHIP'S NEVER ENDING CIRCLE

**Gratitude
 Commitment
 Trust
 Generosity**

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1st Offertory <> Total Year-to-Year

Mar 29, 2009	\$ 251,049
Mar 28, 2010	\$ 233,310
	-\$ (17,739)

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

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| Henry Wilson | 266-5400 | Chairman |
| Rosie Cochran | 766-1661 | Secretary |
| Joe Bolchoz | 556-1606 | |
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